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'NO COMMONWEALTH WITH RACIAL DISCRIMINATION'

DOMINATION OF ONE RACE OVER ANOTHER MUST END BEFORE SAN FRANCISCO CAN SUCCEED, SAYS ZAFRULLAH

INDIANS UNANIMOUS ON SOUTH AFRICA ISSUE

LONDON March 5: Sir M. Zafrulla Khan, leader of the Indian delegation to the London Conference on Commonwealth Relations, condemned racial discrimination at a Press Conference at Chatham House here today.

"For the Commonwealth to continue as a Commonwealth at all, it is essential that there should be no racial discrimination in any shape or form", he said.

WHERE NAZIS DIFFER

"So long as there is practice of the idea that any race has a right to dominate another race, there are bound to be wars, San Francisco notwithstanding. The only difference between us and the Nazi theory of racial superiority is that the Nazis profess and practice it openly, while we want to practice it but do not want to openly profess it."

He said that there had been very free and full expression both of their views and of South African views on the question of racial discrimination there.

They had also a very satisfactory meeting apart from the Conference with the members of the Canadian Delegation in regard to a small problem in racial relations still remaining to be resolved in British Columbia.

Sir Maharaj Singh Deputy Leader, of the Delegation said that among the improvements asked for in South Africa were equality of franchise and removal of barriers on migration of one province to another and removal of restrictions on the acquisition of property by Indians in the Transvaal, Orrange Free State and Natal.

DELHI WON'T SHIRK IT

Sir Zafrullah explained that in the present circumstances Indians in South Africa would remain the responsibility of the Government of India. Indians were invited to South Africa to work there as labourers, but they were not allowed to assimilate, nor were they placed on the level of full citizenship which would make it possible for them to look after their own interests.

He said the Dominions sympathised with them in all their problems, but unless visible steps were taken to put an end to the present inequalities from which the Indians suffered, the Commonwealth would one day split.

Sir Maharaj Singh mentioned that there was a feeling among Indians in South Africa that they should associate themselves with the cause of the natives and the coloureds. The natives and the coloureds welcomed this attitude, as they saw in it the possibility of achievements of rights for which they were fighting.

To the question whether this would result in non-Europeans getting eight million votes as against the two million votes of Europeans, Sir Maharaj replied: "I am not saying that, but ultimately it may come to that."

Sir Maharaj Singh said that if the Natal ordinances had not been repealed he was of the opinion that the Agent-General should have been recalled and economic sanctions against South Africa introduced.

"TWO WRONGS DON'T PUT ONE RIGHT."

He said it was possible that Europeans in South Africa were inculcated with the fear of reaction among the natives if the Indians were given franchise and they not, but "two wrongs don't put one right".

Answering the question whether there was not the danger of deterioration in the standard of living in South Africa if Indians were allowed to "flood" the country, Sir Zafrullah said: "There is no chance of Indians flooding South Africa because they are not allowed to immigrate into the country. Furthermore the Indian Government would not allow Indians to emigrate to a country where they are treated as they are in South Africa".

The case on behalf of the Indians in South Africa was put, "clearly, emphatically and vigorously" to the Commonwealth Relations Conference, said Sir Zafrullah Khan. Very general sympathy for their case was expressed by the delegates from the United Kingdom and the Dominions, including the South African representatives. "There was no trouble, but each of us put our points of view forward with force and vigour," said Sir Zafrullah. Unfortunately rules governing the meeting debarred him from giving an account of the debates, but he said the exchange of views would be of great benefit.

The object of the conferences, of which this was the third, was to prepare public opinion in advance on problems likely to arise in the immediate future, and although no agreement of views was aimed at, the delegates would return to their countries and promote the ideas expressed.

It was hoped that some improvement in the position of Indians would result from this meeting.

Asked whether the views they expressed at the conference were representative of All-Indian opinion Sir Zafrullah replied: "There is not the slightest possibility of any Indian differing on the question of the position of Indians in South Africa. The delegates expressed the views of every Indian, whether in London or not".

Sir Zafrullah emphasised that it was essential that there should be no racial discrimination in any shape or form. This conference had not in any way converted him to any other view.

An official statement on inter-racial relations issued at the Press Conference mentioned that the Conference fully recognised that the Commonwealth had before it the task of broadening its scope to include nations of many races and colours. This extension of the Commonwealth community, the statement went on, will not only include India, which is on the threshold of independent nationhood, but many other peoples who are on the road to, but have not yet achieved self-government.

Attention was drawn to the subject of race discrimination within the Commonwealth. A member of the Indian Delegation expressed the hope that the influence of the United Kingdom, where, he said, there were no racial restrictions, would be used to relieve the disabilities of the Indians in South Africa and Kenya. The Conference recognised, however, that these were two distinct problems. Kenya was in the Colonial Empire, with the administration responsible to the United Kingdom, but if the United Kingdom were to attempt to bring pressure to bear on the Government of the Union they would be repudiating one of the basic principles on which the Commonwealth rested.

"The case for both the sides on this issue was fully stated", the statement continues: "and the embitterment which had been aroused by this controversy was recognised as a matter of general concern. The South African delegation invited the Indian spokesmen to recognise that great progress was being made in raising the economic status and education of the Indians in Natal, and that a new outlook was developing on racial problems in South Africa. They appealed for patience and an understanding of the difficulties of the Union."

SOUTH AFRICAN'S ADMISSION

This statement was further elucidated by a South African delegate who said that the South African delegation showed a great deal of understanding of the complaints and grievances and admitted that crucial issues were facing the Commonwealth as a result of the fact that India was on the brink of obtaining Dominion Status.

SUGGESTION FROM UNION

In the past, said the spokesman, only European peoples enjoyed Dominion Status, and this new development gave a different complexion to the Commonwealth. The South African delegates pointed out at the Conference that much more material and social progress had been made by the Indians since the agreement between the two Governments in 1927 than the Indian delegates were prepared to recognise. It was evident, however, that the Indians were not satisfied with material and social progress, and that they wanted political advancement.

The South African delegates pointed out that the core of the trouble was the fact that Indians now were all concentrated in one Province. It seemed a logical remedy to transfer some of them to other Provinces, but the solution was not as easy as that.

It was a deep-rooted issue which went back even farther back than the Union.

On the question of franchisement for Indians the spokesman said a great deal of sympathy as felt with Indian grievances, and Mr. Hofmeyer, the Deputy Prime Minister, had recently stated that time had come for another conference between the two Governments.

It was pointed out that when the only Cabinet Minister representing Natal had recently suggested the extension of franchise, the suggestion met with very bad response from the people of Natal.

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Nazi Laments

LONDON, March 5

The German political commentator broadcasting over the German radio to-day said: 'Never in our history have we been in such a grave situation. Never have we stood so totally alone. It is painful beyond words to have to give up so much of our cherished soil.—Reuter

Roosevelt Not A Sick Man

LONDON, March 4: Reports that Roosevelt is a sick man are contradicted by a New York message to the "Sunday Dispatch" which says:

The truth about President Roosevelt's health, as attested by White House physician Vice-Admiral Ross McIntire and a number of consultant specialists, is that for a man of 63 suffering from infantile paralysis for 24 years it is excellent.

The message adds that it would, however, be untrue to say that the President is as fit and vigorous as when he first entered the White House, or even four years ago when he began his third term of office.

The President tires much more easily than he used to, he gets colds more frequently, he is constantly being plagued by sinus trouble, his eyesight has deteriorated and he is slightly deaf in the left ear, and getting more so.

Airborne Troops' Success In Burma

ADV. HQ. A.L.F.S.E.A., Mar. 5.

The following special communique has been issued:

FOURTEENTH ARMY: Armoured and mechanised forces from a bridgehead opposite Pakokku (north of the oilfield area) have swept 35 miles eastward from the Irrawaddy and have captured the Meiktila group of eight airfields.

Closely following this success airborne forces of fourteenth Army landed in the Meiktila area.

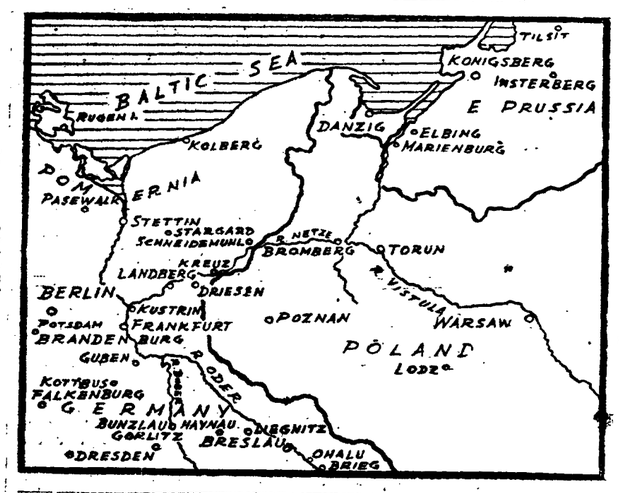
Heavy fighting continues.—A. P.

ALL UNITED NATIONS INVITED TO SAN FRANCISCO

LONDON, March 5: The terms and names of the countries to which invitations have been issued for the San Francisco Conference were issued to-day.

All members of the United Nations, except Poland, have been invited to the Conference.

France has refrained from joining Great Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and China as the inviting powers.



Nazi Raiders Over England

LONDON, March 5: For the second night in succession German piloted planes raided England last night, but the scale of the attack was not so heavy as on Saturday night when six of the raiders were shot down.

Last night the raiders were met by a constant anti-aircraft barrage as they crossed the East Anglian coast and the flares they dropped as they flew in from the sea were quickly shot down. One raider dropped a number of bombs over an East Anglian town.

The only casualty was a woman who received cuts.

In the period between dawn yesterday and 07.00 to-day there has been German air activity directed against northern and southern England. Damage and casualties are reported.

DAYLIGHT R.A.F. ATTACK

It is officially announced that on Monday afternoon R.A.F. Lancasters, escorted by fighters, made a heavy and concentrated attack on Benzol plant near Gelsenkirchen.

MOSQUITOS of R.A.F. Bomber Command again attacked Berlin.

U. S. BOMBERS OVER GERMANY.

Escorted by more than 600 fighters, more than 400 Liberators and Flying-Fortresses took part in to-day's attack on the targets in Germany. Their targets were oil refineries at Harburg near Hamburg, railway yards at Chemnitz, says an announcement from the Eighth Air Force Headquarters.

Dresden Wiped Out

LONDON, March 5: Berlin was blasted by two-ton blockbusters for the thirteenth night of the current offensive, the air ministry reported to-day, and the German radio described the attacking force as "large."

Rudolf Sparing, German radio war correspondent, reported Dresden was wiped out by Allied air attacks of Feb. 14-15. "The Dresden catastrophe is without precedent," Sparing said.—A. P. A.

FATE OF NAZIS' BOASTED WEAPON

LONDON, March 5: A new type of German submarine, experimental U-Boat No. 1063 which the Germans boasted would enable them to attack New York and dictate peace even if they were defeated, is now on the sea bed in Bergen harbour, where she plunged during trials on February 16 and failed to rise.

The news of the disaster, in which the chief of the 11th U-Boat Flotilla Commander Spilder with 22 experts and 50 crew lost their lives, was stopped by the Germans but has now leaked out through Norwegian underground channels.

SOVIET CAPTURE STARGARD

Red Army Establishes Preliminary Contacts With Baltic

LONDON, March 5: The Russians have captured Stargard, strong point and communications hub 19 miles south-east of Stettin, the German Trans-ocean agency announced to-day.

It said the Germans evacuated Stargard after heavy street fighting with Marshal Zhukov's northern forces.

From Stargard the Russians pushed on north-westward. Trans-ocean added.—A. P. A.

FROM BALTIC TO MORAVIA

MOSCOW, March 5: The Red Army stood master today over virtually all Germany east of the Oder from the Baltic to Moravia.

This represents a line 325 miles across which the Soviet armies will shortly hurl their drive at the life centres of the Reich.—A. P. A.

NAZIS EVACUATE STARGARD

LONDON, March 5: The German Overseas News Agency reports that the Germans have evacuated Stargard.

In Russia, the German communique said, west of the Lower Vistula the Russians attacked both sides of Grossvollental and employing "concentrated masses of material" breached the German lines in several places.

BLACKOUT CONTINUES

Soviet blackout on news from main Russian front along river Oder facing Berlin and Dresden still continues.

Soviets Contact Baltic Shore

MOSCOW, March 5: From Reuter's special correspondent:

Armoured reconnaissance formations of Marshal Zhukov's and Marshal Rokossovsky's armies have established preliminary contact along the Baltic shore, and a steady merging movement between these armies—two wedges to the sea—is likely soon to be completed.

This will possibly leave considerable groups of Germans surrounded, and will certainly place German troops in Danzig, and north-eastern Pomerania in an even firmer trap. The Red Army's corstal wedges are being widened every hour.

RESUMPTION OF BATTLE OF BERLIN

The virtual collapse of Hitler's northern flank sets the stage for resumption of the battle for Berlin, and observers here agree that it will not be long delayed.

The Red Army has now begun its assault on the important Baltic port of Kolberg near which Marshal Zhukov's forces have reached the sea.

The important German Baltic base of Swinemuende at the mouth of the Oder is soon likely to be within striking distance of Marshal Zukov's troops and advance to the Baltic coast at this point would complete the last Baltic trap east of Berlin.

CONGRESS M. L. A. DIES IN HIS SEAT

NEW DELHI, March 5.

Mr. K. C. Gupta, Congress Member, representing Ganjam and Vizagapatam suddenly collapsed and died in his seat in the Assembly this afternoon.

Mr. K. C. Gupta was speaking on the Budget and was vehemently criticising the Food policy of the Government when he said, "I am not feeling well and I sit down". He then slumped in his seat.

Dr. Deshmukh and other members rushed to his side and tried to give him First Aid. But by now Mr. Gupta was breathing hard and irregular and within a few minutes he was dead.

Mr. Gupta was about 49 at the time of death. He leaves behind nine children.

Mr. A. C. Dutta, Deputy President who was in the chair adjourned the House for the day.—A. P. and U. P.

Vallabhbhai To Be Transferred To Sabarmati Jail

SURAT, March 5.

According to a report in a local newspaper Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, member of the Congress Working Committee, will shortly be transferred from Ahmednagar to the Sabarmati Jail.

STOP PRESS

SOVIET SUCCESSES

MOSCOW, March 5: Stargard, 20 miles from Stettin, has been captured by the Red Army, announced Marshal Stalin in an 'order of the day.' Polzin west of Neu Stettin has also been taken.

ALLIES OVERRUN COLOGNE

SHAEF, Paris, March 5.

Elements of the First Army have reached the city limits of Cologne.—Reuter.

INDIA INVITED

LONDON, March 5: India is included in the list of the 45 nations which are qualified for invitation to the San Francisco Conference.—Reuter.

MOSCOW, March 5: Marshal Stalin's 'Order of the Day' says: "Troops of the First White Russian Front occupied the towns of Stargard, Naugard, and Polzin.

AMERICAN TROOPS ENTER COLOGNE

Bridges Across The Rhine Destroyed, Claims German News Agency

S. H. A. E. F., PARIS, Monday

American tanks and infantry which entered Cologne on Monday morning are now reported to be fighting their way towards the heart of the city.

The German Overseas News Agency today reports that the Germans smashed all bridges across the Rhine between Cologne and Wesel. "All bridges including those at Neuss, Krefeld, and Duisburg have been destroyed by German engineers", the German news agency added.

PROGRESS ALL ALONG RHINE FRONT

The Germans are putting up determined resistance in Xanten, the northern pivot of their defence triangle before the vital Rhine bridge at Wesel, reports today's Allied communique. Elsewhere the Allies made good progress.

The communique which confirms Allied progress along the Rhine front already reported adds: "The Weeze-Geldern-Venlo pocket is being mopped up and to the east the towns of Kapellen, Issum and Rheurdt have been cleared. Farther east and south our forces are fighting in Mors, Homberg and Uerdinge. North-east of Cologne our forces reached Ramrath and Angstel, cleared Stommeln and Sinnersdorf, and have sent patrols to the Rhine north of Cologne. In the Zerf area east of Saarburg our units repulsed a counter-attack by a strong force of enemy infantry.

We cut the Saarbrucken-Metz highway two miles south-west of Saarbrucken. Along the Rhine south of Strasbourg hostile patrols were forced back across the river.

Allied forces in the west captured 9769 prisoners on March third."

Bridge To Homberg Seized

UNITED STATES NINTH ARMY, March 5: Eighth United States Infantry division has seized the western approaches to one railway and one highway bridge [illegible] on the Rhine near Homberg and latest reports say that these bridges across the Rhine are still intact.

DANISH PATRIOTS SABOTAGE GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS

Not one train arrives in Germany from Denmark without having been delayed either by a direct attack by saboteurs or by diversion owing to sabotage, according to a special communique issued today.

Danish patriots attacked all railway lines and made the situation worse by the destruction of factories making rails and junction points. Their action is an effective contribution to the current military operations from the western and the eastern fronts, the communique adds:—Reuter

Awaiting Millionth Prisoner!

SHAEF, March 4: Within the next few hours the one-millionth German prisoner to be captured on the western front may fall into Allied hands.

The official prisoner count from D-day to February 28 was 954,377. Since then the daily prisoner bag has been from 7,000 to 10,000 and with the collapse of the German pocket on the Rhine the number undoubtedly will rise.

What Is The German Plan Now?

LONDON, March 5: "The Rhine victory has been such a headlong success", cables Express Service correspondent Alan Moorehead, "that during this coming week we have in front of us a prospect that is so good one hardly likes to write about it.

"It is this: Can we pounce over the Rhine? Can we grab a bridge and get across into the Ruhr. "I personally do not think we can, and yet . . ."

Moorehead goes on to ask: "What is the German plan now? To make another and larger Warsaw out of the Ruhr? To fight back street by street through the greater cities? It is well possible, but they still have to consider the little matter of the flanks—the possibility of our Allies going round."

Reviewing Allied strategy of the past few weeks, the correspondent concludes that it has been "a wonderful plan."—Globe.

GERMANS PUSHED BACK

LONDON, March 5: The German News Agency today quoted a German communique saying: On the Lower Rhine the Allies are maintaining strong pressure, particularly in the area south-west of Xanten. The Allies entered Euskirchen and east of Pruem pushed the German back to Kyll.—Reuter.

Cross-River Gun Fight

SHAEF, Paris, March 5: The battle of the Rhine turned into a cross-river gun fight today with American artillery battering the last German bridges and firing deep into the factory belt beyond. Meanwhile, the Germans put out completely unfounded stantiated reports that the doughboys already had won their first crossing.

It is considered probable that General Eisenhower might try to seize east bank footholds on the impetus of his attack which has turned to the Rhine north of Cologne opposite Duesseldorf and opposite Duisburg if there is the slightest chance of getting across.—A. P. A.

RESTRICTIONS ON ASSAM M. L. A. TO BE LIFTED

GAUHATI, March 5: The internment order on Mr. Kameshwar Das, M. L. A., after release from jail has been withdrawn.

It is understood that the Government propose to withdraw the restriction orders on other members of the Assam Assembly with a view to enabling them to attend the Budget session.—United Press.

Britain's Leading Theatre Director Dead

LONDON March 5: Mr. George Black, one of Britain's leading producers and theatre directors, died in London last night at the age of 54.

Black established the first permanent cinema theatres in Britain.

LONDON, March 5: The Moscow radio quotes a report from Bucharest that the King of Rumania has entrusted Petre Grozia with the formation of a new Government Grozia, one of the leaders of the National Democratic Front forward after the Rumanian collapse, was Vice-Premier in the Radescu Government.—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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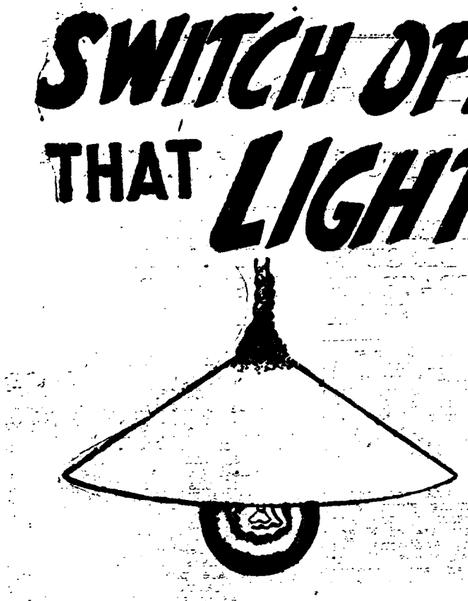

ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS

GOVT. NOT PROFITING OUT OF FOOD IMPORTS

Facilities For Manufacture Of Automobiles And Radio Sets; Cloth Famine In Bengal

NEW DELHI, March 5.

All possible assistance was being given to representatives of firms who had approached Government to proceed overseas to study the possibilities of starting manufacture of radio-sets and accessories in India, provided Government were satisfied with the 'bona fides' of the firms, said the Commerce Member Sir Azizul Haque, replying to Mr. Manu Subedar, in the Central Assembly to-day.

In the meantime, import of sets and spare parts, was being arranged. Consent for the issue of capital under long-range conditions for the manufacture of radio sets and spare parts had been given to two companies and an application on the same terms from a third was under consideration.

The Commerce Member informed Mr. Subedar that about 1,25,000 sets had been imported into India since the beginning of the war up to October 1944.

The Commerce Member stated in reply to Mr. A. N. Chattopadhyaya that the total yardage of standard cloth supplied to Bengal from 31-12-43 to 31-12-44 was 169,250,277 and from 1-1-45 to 15-2-45 was 9,596,571.

CLOTH FOR BENGAL

Sir Azizul Haque informed Sir A. H. Ghaznavi that the quota of cloth for Bengal was fixed on the estimated pre-war consumption which was believed to have been between 10 and 12 yards per head per annum. The Bengal population generally speaking should obtain the ten yards per head allotted to it. In fact, for the latest period, namely, six months ending November 1944, the total cloth needs available to Bengal was at the rate of 13.9 yards per head per annum.

Q. Is the Hon'ble Member aware that out of the allotted quota appreciable quantities of cloth are being diverted to the manufacture of readymade garments for the military and auxiliary personnel and to meet the requirements of the Red Cross and other hospitals?

Ans. I have no information on the quantities involved. The possibility of making a special allotment outside the quota for these purposes is at present under consideration.

Mr. Neogy asked whether the Commerce Member had read the proceedings of the Bengal Legislative Assembly where it was stated that women-folk committed suicide because of failure to get cloth to wear and that even shrouds for the dead were not available.

The Commerce Member said he had seen reports but expressed inability to understand how such a state of affairs could exist in view of the quantities made available to the province.

NO PROFIT FROM FOOD IMPORT

The Food Secretary informed Sardar Mangal Singh that the present price of imported wheat at Calcutta, Bombay and Karachi was Rs. 9/3 per maund ex-Port Trust transit shed, being a pool price based on actuals for cost and freight to India, estimated cost of clearing and bagging and a charge to cover marine and War Risk Insurance. The Government of India, he added were not making any profit out of the import of foodgrains.

AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURE

The Commerce Member indicated in reply to Mr. Manu Subedar that two companies had been registered in India for the manufacture of motor cars and consent had been given by the Examiner of Capital Issues to the following issues of shares: Premier Automobiles Ltd., Bombay Rs. 2,25,00,000 and Hindustan Motors Ltd. Okha, Rs. 4,87,50,000.

Q. What means have Government got of supervising, checking, revising or otherwise controlling the nature of the contracts, which such firms would make with foreign companies or corporations?

Ans. No such means were expressly provided for. It will, however, be possible to consider the subject at the stage of releasing the invested capital from investment if any such measure of control is in operation at the time when such release is applied for. Control can also be exercised at the stage of allowing import licences, priorities, release of controlled materials, etc.

The Commerce Member stated that two factories in India manufactured tyres. A substantial portion of the capital of one of them had been subscribed by Indians. Figures regarding the output of the factories could not be divulged for security reasons.

OCCUPIED BURMA

Dr. N. B. Khare, Commonwealth Relations Member, replying to supplementary questions said that the Government of India did not maintain any LIAISON with the South-East Asia Command regarding the occupied part of Burma which was under military administration. The Government was finding out ways of maintaining LIAISON.

No civilians of any nationality had so far been allowed to enter the areas liberated from the Japanese in Burma. The representative of the Government of India had not yet paid any visit to these areas. Up to the present time no facilities had been given to private trading interests of any nationality to return to Burma. The Government had under examination plans and programmes in the matter of rehabilitation of Indians residing in the liberated portions of Burma and financial provisions to be made for these purposes.—A. P. and U. P.

LEAGUE PUTS UP CANDIDATE

NEW DELHI, March 5: Nawabzada Liaquatali Khan convener Central Parliamentary Board, All India Muslim League, announces that the Board has nominated Mr. Mahboob Ali Beg, advocate of Bhiwandi as Muslim League candidate for the by-election to the Central Assembly from the north Madras Mohammedan constituency.—A. P.

PARTY TRENDS TOWARDS BUDGET

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 4.

Lobbies indicate Party trends vis-a-vis the Budget. The Muslim League's cut motions during the discussion on demands for grants are expected to raise a debate on the Government of India's Planning and Government's control and food policy.

The European Group is expected to raise discussion on the Government's wasteful spending and demand a Retrenchment Committee.

The Congress Party is likely to raise the Constitution issue with particular reference to the release of political prisoners.

13 PUNJAB M. L. A.'s CAN'T ATTEND ASSEMBLY

LAHORE, March 5: Malik Khizar Hayat Khan Tiwana, the Premier, stated in the Punjab Legislative Assembly to-day during question hour that of the 13 M.L.A.'s arrested in the Province 12 were under the order of the Punjab Government and one of the Kapurthala State Government. M.L.A.'s neither released nor detained could attend the Assembly. Giving reasons the Premier stated that they could not participate in political activities which were barred under the terms of the orders imposed upon them.—United Press.

ONE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

KARACHI, March 5: One person was killed and six others were injured, two of them seriously as the result of an explosion which occurred in a godown where scrap iron had been collected by a shipping firm. It appears the workmen had picked up a round object as they attempted to open it the object suddenly exploded. One person was killed instantaneously and six others who were injured were taken to hospital where the condition of two of them is serious. The explosion shook the godown and its roof gave way. The police are investigating.—A. P.

Two Nazis Shot Dead While Escaping From P. O. W. Camp

SUDBURY (England), March 5: Two German prisoners who tried to escape from a large American camp here on Sunday morning were shot dead by the guards.

Ten prisoners escaped in an attempted breakout. Three were recaptured and an unconfirmed report says that a fourth was wounded before being retaken. The civil and military police are searching the countryside of Staffordshire and Derbyshire for the remaining four.—

ITALIAN FASCIST ESCAPES

ROME, March 5: General Mario Roatta who was due to appear for trial to-day escaped from the military hospital on Sunday night.—Reuter.

Carabinier Captain Geniola who was in charge of the police guard on General Roatta stated that General Roatta, one of the principal accused in the trial of leading Fascist collaborationists, escaped while the Carabinier on the duty of pacing the corridor was turning back. General Roatta then presumably climbed across the gate and found his way to the tiber embankment. It is believed that a car was waiting to pick him up. General Roatta was allowed to remain in hospital on a plea of heart trouble.—Reuter.

Eton Provost Knighted

LONDON, March 5: A unique ceremony was witnessed on the worn steps of the Eton College Chapel when King George personally conferred the knighthood on Mr. Henry Marten, Provost of Eton.—Reuter.

WATCH THIS MYSTERIOUS MAN!

Capt. Rintelen, Suspected Of Being Nazi Spy Released By Britain

By ALVIN STEINKOPF

LONDON, March 4.

Capt. Franz Von Rintelen was has managed in two wars to fall under suspicion of being a German spy, believes Hitler is planning some masterpiece of wickedness.

For 10½ years the Captain who once was on the staff of the Kaiser's navy has idled away his time in gaols, prisons and concentrations here and in America.

Now he is out again, released by the British.

He's thoroughly German but violently anti-Nazi. He prays for the day of Hitler's downfall, but is warned that, barring accidents, the collapse will not be soon and he suspected the Fuehrer has another dirty trick up his sleeve.

"No man can foretell how the end will come", the Captain-in-exile said, "but we can be sure the Nazis will go down as scoundrels. In their depravity they will have not the slightest consideration for the German people or for any other people".

DEFYING THE WORLD IN 'HOLES'

The possibility that die-hard Nazis will hole up in the Bavarian Alps and there defy the world to smoke out sounded plausible to Rintelen. It could happen.

But before that he believed German resistance would reach new heights of fanaticism. In his opinion the Rhine in the West and the Oder plain in the East will not be the last German defence zones. A SUCCESSION OF SECRET WEAPONS, HE BELIEVES, HAS NOT BEEN EXHAUSTED, AND HE THINKS AIR AND SUBMARINE WARFARE WILL BE RESUMED IN SPURTS THAT WILL GIVE THE ALLIES SOME DARK HOURS. It's been a long time since he sat in a German Conference on strategy, but he knows the old mentality in speculations about the end he is thinking in terms of 1946—unless fate produces some surprise.—A. P. A.

Three Belgian Traitors To Die

BRUSSELS, March 5: Three Belgians including one woman have been sentenced to death by a Brussels court-martial for espionage and denunciation of patriots to the Germans.—Reuter.

NAZIS STILL HOLD ADRIATIC COASTAL ROAD

Allies Capture Monte Croce In Italy

ALLIED HQ. ITALY, March 5: Latest battle reports today indicate that Italian forces are still exerting pressure on the Adriatic wing, says Reuter's special correspondent. The Germans are putting up house-to-house and pillbox defence to prevent Allied troops gaining access to the coastal road running north to Comacchio and skirting the Comacchio Lagoon.

Successful bombardment by three French cruisers of a railway tunnel near Bordighera on the Franco-Italian frontier is reported in to-day's 'Communique'. The object was to prevent activity by an armoured train and numerous hits were scored on the tunnel and the railway line near Brodighera station.

On land United States troops occupied Monte Croce, but there was little other activity. In air operations 13 planes are missing. Coastal aircraft attacked shipping in the Gulf of Venice. R.A.F. last night attacked a railway yard at Cararsa in north-eastern Italy.

170 STRIKES IN BRITAIN DURING JANUARY

LONDON, March 5.

Industrial disputes in Britain during January resulted in the loss of 104,000 working days, over 35,000 of which were due to strikes in the coal industry, states the Ministry of Labour Gazette. One hundred and seventy strikes during the month involved about 29,000 work people directly and 2,000 indirectly. Fifteen thousand work people were affected in 89 mining disputes.—Reuter.

London Dock Strikers To Resume Work

LONDON, March 4: Representatives of the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers recommended at a joint meeting to-day that 7,000 strikers should return to work immediately at the London docks.

Arthur Deaking, General Secretary of the Transport Union, said he had "every confidence that the men would be back on their jobs tomorrow morning.—A. P. A.

Chrysler Workers To Resume

DETROIT, March 4: Twenty-four thousand workers of Chrysler Corporation voted to-night to terminate the eight day strike which had paralysed war production at six plants.—Reuter.

INDIANS KEPT ORDER AT KENYA STRIKE

A Reuter's message dated Nairobi (Kenya) January 22, stated that eight Africans and one Indian were killed in a labour strike and that in one district there were several casualties when military fired on the mob. The Government of India in a reply to the Association's request for information, states:—

"Information now received reveals that the riots were caused by Africans and that Indians took no part in them. On the other hand they voluntarily organised themselves in keeping order." The letter further informs that only one Indian named Manilal Hiralt Fasani is reported to have died of a fractured skull caused by stones which were thrown at the lorry in which he was travelling on January 16. He was a trader and was born at Babra, Kathiawar. He died at the Government Asiatic Hospital Kampala, on January 18.

1,500 Nasik Teachers To Go On One Day's Fast

NASIK, March 5: Primary teachers of the Nasik district numbering about 1,500 have decided to undertake a fast for one day on March 12 as a protest against the non-receipt of dearness allowance according to the Government resolution.—U. P.

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HIGH COURT TO HAVE TWO MORE JUDGES

Appointments Of Bavdekar And Gajendragadkar Made To Dispose Of Arrears Of Work

The Bombay High Court will have two more judges from tomorrow. Mr. P. B. Gajendragadkar, one of the leading practitioners on the Appellate Side of the Bombay High Court and R. S. Bavdekar, I.C.S., at present District and Sessions Judge, Ahmednagar, it is understood have been appointed as additional judges. They will be sworn in to-morrow. These new appointments were necessitated because of huge arrears of work in the High Court.

Mr. Gajendragadkar's appointment has been well received by the members of the Appellate Side bar, who will congratulate him in court to-morrow.

Mr. Bavdekar is not new to Bombay. He was the Registrar of the Bombay High Court for three years from 1934 to 1937.

IMPERSONATION AND CHEATING ALLEGED

BOMBAY, Monday.

Alleged to have impersonated the police and relieved two persons, who were going along Anantwadi, of cash and jewellery worth Rs. 4,368, Purshotam Govind and Chandulal Govindji were put up before Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, to-day.

It was stated that the complainant, a resident of Jamnagar, was walking across Anantwadi on Saturday night, along with a friend, when the two of them were stopped by the accused, who represented themselves as members of the Bombay Police, and demanded the search of their persons.

The accused are alleged to have robbed the complainant and his friend, in respect of Rs. 4,200 in cash, a gold necklace, a gold wrist watch and a ring. The ring was removed from the finger of the complainant's friend.

The Magistrate directed the accused to be released on bail.

Civil Surgeon's Application Admitted

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Divatia and Mr. Justice L.)

Dr. D. N. Nadkarni Applicant
(Original Accused).
Versus
Imperator ..... Opponent.

The applicant an M. S. (Bom.), F.R.C.S. (England), was the Civil Surgeon of Sholapur in the Bombay Medical Service Class I, had been convicted for having given false evidence as Court witness in an appeal by his motor driver from a conviction for causing hurt by rash and negligent driving. It was alleged that the applicant falsely denied all knowledge of the incident though he knew all the material facts. He was sentenced to one year's R.I. and a fine of Rs. 1,000 by the District Magistrate of Poona, but on appeal, the sentence was reduced to three months' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 1,000 by the Sessions Judge of Poona. The applicant now approached the High Court in revision.

The applicant has been under suspension from service since April 3, 1943.

Their Lordships admitted the application which will now come up for hearing in due course.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad with Mr. M. M. Karbhari and Mr. K. S. Daundkar appeared for the applicant.

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Domestic Occurrence

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To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: Special Meeting, to-day, at 2-30 p.m. (Bombay Time).

INTER-RELIGIOUS CONVENTION: Reception Committee meeting on Wednesday, the 7th instant, at 6-30 p.m. at the Indian Merchants' Chamber's Hall.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY: Weekly Luncheon Meeting, to-day, at 1-30 p.m. Green's Hotel. Sir Chimanlal Setalvad will speak on "Courts and Lawyers". Only Rotarians can attend.

BOMBAY PRARTHANA SAMAJ 78TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: Lecture in Marathi by Prof. V. N. Naik, M.A., on "Dharma and Shastra", to-day, at 6-30 p.m.

A RESUME BY A. F. S. TALYARKHAN: All-India Radio, Bombay will broadcast daily a resume of the play in the Ranji Trophy finals by Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan, at 8-45 for 15 minutes on 89.15 metres.

BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION: Mr. Soli S. Pavri will lecture in English in the Besant Hall, Blavatsky Lodge French Bridge, Chowpatty, to-day, at 6-45 p.m. (S. T.), on "Child Psychology".

GOWD SARASWAT BRAHMAN SABHA: His Holiness Srimad Sukritendra Thirtha Swami with his disciple will arrive at Bombay on March 7, at 10-30 a.m. Members of the G. S. B. community are requested to be present at V. T. for the reception of His Holiness.

GATHA SOCIETY: A meeting in the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute 136, Apollo Street, to-day, at 6 p.m. when Mr. Rustam N. D. Banaji will speak on "Astronomical Solar year of 365 242 days depicted in the Great Pyramid by King Jamshed or Persia and subsequently confirmed scientifically by Zoroaster.

BHAGINI SAMAJ BAL MANDIR: The annual social gathering of the Bhagini Samaj T. N. Malvi Bal Mandir will be held at Simla House, Mathew Road, Opera House, on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 5-30 p.m. (N. S. T.). Sri B. G. Kher will preside. Mr. M. T. Vyas, Principal, New Era School, will speak on 'Child Education'. There will be musical entertainment and an exhibition. All interested in Child Education are cordially invited.

ROAD DEVELOPMENT IN POST WAR INDIA: Discussion will be broadcast at Bombay on Tuesday on 244 and 89.15 metres at 9-45 p.m. The participants are Mr. T. R. Kynnersley, Mr. Noormohammed Chinoy, Professor Taraporewala and Mr. Erach Nadirshah, Professor Chokshi is the Question Master.

Later in the evening at 10-15 p.m. on 89.15 metres Marathi listeners will hear the 3rd instalment of "Ashirvad"—Mr. Rangnekar's well-known play. The cast will include Jyotsna Bhole, Avinash, Mangale Ranade, Mama Pendse and others.

CIGARETTES PRICES REVISED

Consequent upon the recent increase in the standard rate of duty on unmanufactured tobacco, the maximum selling prices of various brands of cigarettes as fixed by the Central Government under the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance have been revised correspondingly with effect from the 1st March, 1945.

All World Religions Conference

The dates for holding of all World Religions Conference in Delhi have been fixed namely 30th, 31st March and 1st of April next. Eminent persons belonging to all religions and nationalities, like Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Malvyaji, Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Dr. Zakar Hussain, Principal Dewan Chand, ex-Vice-Chancellor, Lucknow University, Lord Bishop, and Mr. Jamshed Mehta, Karachi ex-Mayor, and others have been invited to speak!

Swami Amaranandji Saraswati, Convener is forming an International League of Religions. Persons interested should communicate with Swamiji at 25, Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi.

British Educationists In City

Sir Walter Moberly and Sir Cyril Norwood, two British educationists, arrived in Bombay, on Monday from Aurangabad by the Peshawar Express.

They are touring India in connection with University education at the invitation of the Government of India.

The object of their visit to Bombay is to get into touch with the Arts side of the University education and consider problems that are likely to arise after the war in regard to the development of University education. They will visit the University of Bombay and other educational institutions in the city on Tuesday (today).

Tatas' Donation To Aligarh Varsity

ALIGARH, March 3.

Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of the Muslim University, has received a donation of Rs. 25,000 from the Tata Trust for the proposed Aligarh Medical College.—A. P.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

TUESDAY, MARCH 6.
BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s) 8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Avada Bai Sangekar. 8-45 Gat Lalit. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow. 9-15 Mulchand J. Nayak. 9-30 Ghazalen. 9-45 AIR Quartet.

12-30 p.m. Songs (M). 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H). 1-0 Music from Film. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 5-0 Japan-nu-Artistic Bundharan (G). 5-15 Dost Mohammad Ebrahim. 6-30 Mulchand J. Nayak. 5-45 Topical Talk. 5-55 Locals. 6-0 Children's Half Hour (G). 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Commentary (G). 6-50 Music from Film. 7-0 Mala Avadieli Pustake (M). 7-15 Venu Bai Devasthali. 7-30 Shekhlal Qawwal and Party. 7-45 Sadashivbuwa Gokhale. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Venu Bai Devasthali. 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 Answering You. 10-15 Julia Wortmann: Pianoforte. 10-35 Interlude. 10-45 George Lester: Violincello.

Schools Budget Cut Restored

Corporation Turns Down Bharucha's Amendment

An amendment restoring the cut of Rs. 3,86,000 made in the budget of the Schools Committee was carried at a meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation on Monday. The amendment was moved by Mr. P. K. Sawant.

Earlier, the Mayor, Mr. Nagindas T. Master, welcomed Miss Jethi Sipahimalani, Deputy Speaker of the Sind Assembly, who was present at the meeting.

Another amendment moved by Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha deleting a sum of rupees three lakhs for the construction of a health museum, two lakhs for gardens, and five lakhs for a swimming bath provided in the post-war development fund and allotting the ten lakhs thus saved for debt redemption or debt avoidance on loans to be raised for post-war reconstruction, was turned down by the Corporation.

VARIETY OF OPINIONS

The amendment, however, provoked a debate in which several members expressed a variety of opinions on the legality or otherwise of the post-war reconstruction fund and the proposed Greater Bombay scheme.

The Municipal Commissioner, intervening in the debate, said that the fundamental and most immediate need was the creation of a Central publicity organisation to enlist the active and voluntary co-operation of the citizens in all civic and public health measures.

Mr. S.K. Patil, leader of the Congress Municipal Party, said that he approved of the principle of an interest or debt redemption scheme but not at the cost of the post-war reconstruction scheme. In fact, there was no post-war reconstruction scheme yet. All that had been done was to make an allocation of lump grants for special items so that unused funds may not revert to general revenue.

As for the Greater Bombay Scheme, he said that a specific proposal would be brought forward before the Corporation which would have an opportunity to go into the question fully.

ASBESTOS SCARCITY IN BOMBAY

Completion Of 300 Residential Quarters Held Up

Constant requisitioning of houses, without adequate provision for those de-housed, and the acute shortage of residential quarters have led to increasing distress in the city.

It is understood that the problem will be discussed at a special meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation on Thursday.

It appears that shortage of building materials at present is not as acute as it was some months ago. And that was why a proposal of the former Municipal Commissioner to solve, as far as possible, the problem of shortage of houses, did not meet with a satisfactory response.

Though there appears to be less difficulties at present in making bricks and timber and tiles available, asbestos is not yet within reach. Difficulty in securing asbestos, it is understood, has led to the holding up of completing about 300 residential quarters near the Arthur Road Jail.

STATUTORY MINIMUM FOR INSURERS

J. C. Setalvad's Plea To Industry To Sink Differences

NEW DELHI, March 5.

Mr. J. C. Setalvad, retiring President of the Federation of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, in a statement on the limitation of overall cost proposed by the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly for life and general insurance companies working in India, says:—

"In view of the difficult problems the Indian insurance business is facing and is likely to face in future, it is imperative that a reasonable form of limitation is imposed statutorily, providing the limits beyond which the expenses of insurers should not exceed. The position at present of Indian Life Insurance is weak. Of the 159 offices whose valuations have been recorded in the insurance year book, 81 offices showed a deficit. 56 offices showed a nominal valuation surplus, and 22 offices showed a surplus. It is well-known that 90 per cent of the business is on participating basis, for which privilege the insured pays a substantially higher premium than is justified for his basic contract. It is correct therefore to say that of the 159 offices, as many as 137 offices showed an actual or a de facto' deficit.

This is a very garve position and if the life offices who are trustees of the policy holders are anxious to fulfil their obligations, it is imperative that the whole business must be rationalised and expenses reduced to the level implied in the premium rates. This can only be done by fixing a statutory maximum, keeping in view the size of offices, beyond which insurers should not spend. In this process of readjustment the insurers should set aside their domestic differences of opinion and adjust the cost between the various interests concerned, namely, the agents, chief agents and the management.

Dramatic Rescue Of Airmen In Indian Ocean

(BY FRANK MARTIN.)

CALCUTTA, March 3.

In one of the most dramatic sea air rescues of the war, nine crewmen of a blazing American Super-Fortress who parachuted three thousand feet above the Indian ocean thirty seconds before the giant bomber exploded were brought back safely by submarine and two R.A.F. Catalinee flying boats, it was announced to-night.

The members of the bomber crew, scattered over ten square miles, were floating in Mae West life jackets when picked up. The Catalinas taxied for four hours gathering up five men. A submarine cruising in the area and unaware of the presence of the Catalinas, rescued the other four. —A. P.

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTES TO BOMBAY HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Canteens Do Annual Business Of Ten Lakhs

Tribute to the "hard and successful" work of Bombay's Hospitality Committee was paid by His Excellency the Governor (Sir John Colville) when presiding at a meeting of the Committee in the Secretariat, Bombay.

Sir John also thanked the Committee for its work after the Bombay explosion in April, 1944. He had, he said, been much impressed by the achievements of the Mobile Canteens and other workers and the Committee's efforts during that period would not be forgotten.

The Chairman of the Committee (Sir Hugh Clayton) spoke of the work done since publication of the report for the year ended July 31 last. He said that the Indian Canteen, established and run by Lady Jehangir, was flourishing and a club for Viceroy's Commissioned Officers had been started. The Town Hall Canteen had been greatly extended and now provided facilities in the way of hobbies, games, one of the best rest rooms in the Empire and a parcels' bureau. The Leave Bureau was going well and an Officers' Hostel set up at Nasik by the Army and helped financially by the Committee was an unqualified success.

The Committee's work involved a big financial proposition: the receipts and expenditure of the canteens were over Rs. 10 lakhs a year and it was to the credit of those in charge that they had run them not only with financial success but also with great satisfaction to the troops.

Sir Hugh said that any idea that most of the Committee's funds were on British troops was erroneous. The European Canteens were practically self-supporting: two-thirds of the funds were spent on Indian troops and the remaining third on activities to which Indians were also welcome and in which they to some extent shared.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Reporting for the Entertainments Sub-Committee, Mr. A. S. Trollip said that weekly dances were held at the Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, a fortnightly dance at Greens' and a weekly dance for officers at the Taj Mahal Hotel. A Christmas Party at the Brabourne Stadium had been attended by about 12,000 men and women of the Allied Forces. Daily cinema shows were held in the Transit Camp and between 150 and 200 free tickets were issued each month for cinemas showing British and American films. A variety concert was held weekly at the Town Hall and concert parties were sent to camps and hospitals; a trio performed every Friday at the Town Hall and special shows were occasionally given by ENSA and the U.S.O.

Speaking for the Canteen Sub-Committee, Lady Petit said that since the opening of the first canteen in July 1940, the activities had been greatly increased. Three canteens, two rest rooms and three mobile canteens were now in operation. All the service was free and the food was sold below cost.

Lady Jehangir reported that the Canteen and Recreation Centre for Indian troops had been running for two years, during which 444,665 men had visited it.

Mrs. Hampton spoke of the Hospitality to British troops in private houses. The highlights of this entertaining, she said, were the swimming parties at the Willingdon Sports Club.

The Honorary Treasurer (Mr. W. Kerr) reported that the financial position was fairly satisfactory, thanks to His Excellency the Governor, the Bombay War Gifts Fund Committee and the contributions received through Lady Jehangir from the Owners, Trainers and Jockeys War Gifts Fund.

Mahatma Answers Nagpur Magistrate

TELLS CONGRESSMEN TO SHED FEAR, INVITES LEAGUERS AND GOVT. TO CO-OPERATE IN CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME

NAGPUR, March 5: "Congressmen who are associated with the fulfilment of our constructive programme need not be agitated over what the local Governments say or do, whether their policy is merely local or represents the Centre. They should learn to shed fear", said Gandhiji to a representative of the "Orient Press".

When questioned what he had to say about the warning given to the local Congress workers by the Additional District Magistrate of Nagpur, Gandhiji said: "The Additional District Magistrate's strictures, if they are properly reported, are undoubtedly revealing. They need not alarm us".

In reply to another question as to how without any political action and only by special economic improvements the country could reach its destined goal as revealed by Gandhiji in his statement published on February 20, Gandhiji replied, "I must refer you to my statement and say to yourself whether, if the programme is universally responded to, it does not lead to Swaraj". Indeed in its prosecution the Muslim League and even Government should join if they are honest about independence".

Asked about the anti-Indian propaganda in U.S.A., Gandhiji said that it should not matter if we are true.—Orient Press.

Khandwa Magistrate Warns Congressman

KHANDWA, March 5.

The District Magistrate of Khandwa has warned Mr. Batukal Tiwari, a Congressman, for his speech delivered in connection with the Kasturba Week in the village of Kumathi.

Mr. Tiwari is reported to have informed the Magistrate that the report of his speech was not accurate.—United Press.

NO CLUE OF PANT'S IMPENDING RELEASE

LUCKNOW March 5.

No clue is available in official circles here of the impending release of Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Member of the Congress Working Committee and ex-Premier of U. P., on medical grounds as reported in a section of the Press. It is pointed out that Pandit Pant is detained under orders of the Central Government and the U. P. Government is not competent to deal with the question of his release.

The relatives of Pandit Pant in Lucknow are preparing for his best medical treatment in case he is transferred to some jail in the U.P.—A. P.

Instructor Course For Kasturba Fund Workers

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Honorary General Secretary of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Fund says that the Executive Committee of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust is arranging to hold a course for instructors for one month from April 5, 1945. The trainees will be sent by the Provincial Committees and be expected to undergo extensive training here before they return to organise work in their own Provinces. The course will be held at Sarish Kutir, Manapeshwar Road, Borivli.

DEMAND FOR SECURITY DEPOSIT

INDORE, March 4.

According to a message received from Ajmer, the Chief Commissioner has served a notice on the Editor of the Hindi Weekly "Navjyoti", asking him to deposit a security of Rs. 2,500, under the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act. The "Navjyoti" has deposited a sum of about Rs. 13,500 during the last eighty years of its existence.—United Press.

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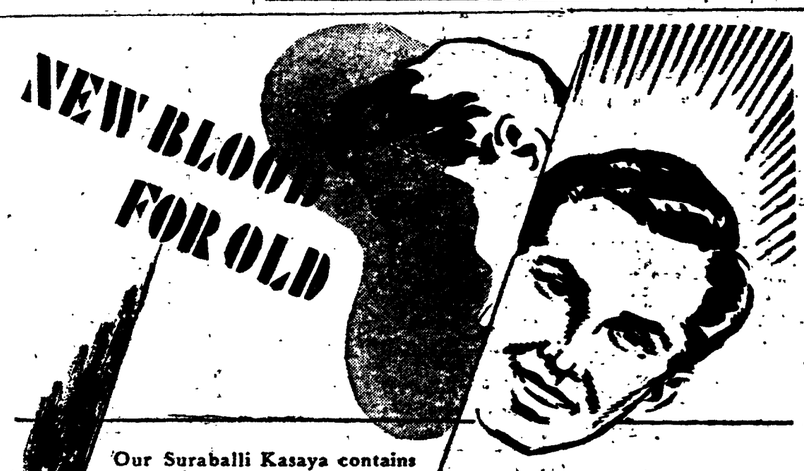

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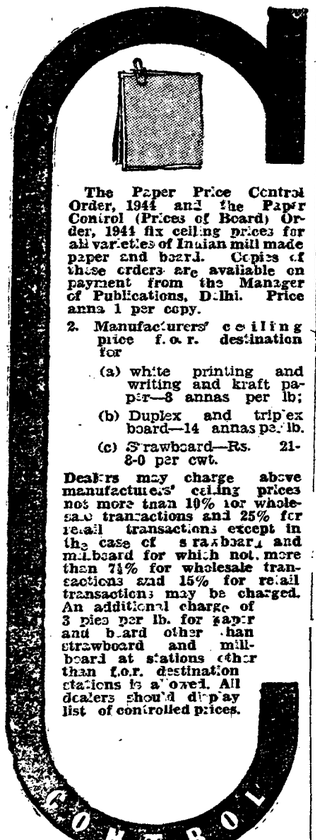

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There will be neither peace nor hope nor future for any of us unless we honestly aim at political, social and economic justice for all peoples of the world, great and small.

—Chiang Kai-shek

The Bombay Chronicle

BUSINESSMEN'S DEMANDS

The proceedings of the annual session of the Federation of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, held at Delhi during the week-end, fairly accurately reflect public opinion in the country regarding the country's economic needs and Government's failure to safeguard them. Mr. J. C. Setalvad's presidential speech was severely critical of Government's policy in general. He was positively suspicious—not without reason—when he said about the Hydari mission to England and imports from abroad: "Whilst one would have expected the authorities in this country to make their best endeavour to utilize the industries to their maximum capacity, what I fear is being envisaged through the Hydari Mission is to curtail still further the operating capacity of some of our big industries like steel and chemicals which require large supplies of coal and to replace their reduced output by imports from abroad, and particularly the United Kingdom. Have Government taken fully into account all the serious implications following in the wake of this dreaded action? Immediately, the reaction is bound to be serious in that large number of people normally employed in these big industries would be thrown out of jobs and the number of ancillary industries connected with them will have 'pro tanto' to reduce their activities as well. On a long-range view the imports of such goods from abroad will indirectly prejudice the position of Indian industries in our home markets and supply a sort of indirect impetus to the foreign competitors." Vast and sudden unemployment is feared at the end of the war and the imports of foreign goods cannot but aggravate the danger. One of the resolutions of the session justly condemns the policy of the Government of India, apparently designed to check inflation, of importing consumer goods from abroad, which are competing with the production of Indian Industries that are handicapped in maintaining or expanding production in the absence of any concerted and serious effort on the part of Government to import the necessary plant and machinery, chemicals and other few raw materials from abroad.

While several of our industries are threatened by an unwise policy of imports, our exports, already seriously affected by the war, may find themselves in a worse position after the war. A resolution on the subject suggests that the Government of India, in consultation with the interests concerned, should devise measures to counteract the effects arising out of the subsidised exports of raw materials by other countries in foreign markets and to secure a more advantageous position for such of India's monopoly raw materials as raw jute, raw cotton, mica etc. No Indian will question the justice of the criticism of Government's policy or of the appeals to it to revise it. But the Government of India is only a subordinate branch of the British Government which will naturally think most of its own interests and its obligations to a country like America. It is true that Britain has economic as well as moral obligations to India. But we know but too well how precarious is the position of the sterling balances due to us from Britain.

The fact is that economic policies will continue to be determined by political power. And India's political position is far from satisfactory. The Federation has reason to deplore "the studied and persistent disregard of Indian public opinion by the Governments in India and the United Kingdom for the immediate resolution of the political stalemate." As the continuance of the deadlock "is not only detrimental to the political and economic stability of the country, but is also not conducive to an early successful conclusion of the war," the Federation urges upon the Government of India to release forthwith all political leaders and workers detained without trial and to take effective measures for the early establishment of a National Government, which is essential for the economic and social development of the country." Since the release of the leaders and the inauguration of a National Government are indispensable for the safeguarding of Indian economic interests, Indian businessmen will not, we trust, be content with passing such a resolution but will wholeheartedly co-operate with other bodies in making their joint demands irresistible. A number of businessmen are already helping in this work. But many more should follow their example. Their efforts will help themselves as well as the country.

Foolish Warning

If the "Associated Press" has accurately reported the Nagpur Magistrate's warning to the Congress workers of the district, it is a frivolous warning and wanton interference with whatever liberty of thought and action remains to the people concerned under the present reign of repression. He seems to have ordered that even unbanned Congress organisations or fresh organisations of Congress workers should not carry on any activities of the banned organisations, implying clearly that even the constructive programme of the Congress should not be carried out by Congressmen. Congressmen who are free have shown restraint by deciding to confine themselves at present scrupulously to constructive work and to carry it on under the auspices of either unbanned organisations or newly formed bodies. This work is going on in many parts of the country, to the great advantage of the people. It is a help to Government itself and wise officials ought to encourage it. If the Additional Magistrate of Nagpur wants to forbid it, let him at least issue a definite unequivocal order in writing and take the consequences. But in his own interest and in the interest of the Government for which he seems to be displaying excessive zeal, we should warn him not to issue any such foolish orders but rather to withdraw the threats he has unwisely administered. In any case, as Gandhiji has pointed out, Congressmen who are associated with the fulfilment of our constructive programme should not be agitated over what the local Governments say or do but should learn to shed fear.

Frankly Speaking

Hitler To Use Gas?

The Nazis, suggests the United Press of America, are planning to use gas as a last resort. Hitler and his gang are a desperate band of brutal bandits with the difference that they have operated on a big continental scale. They will, like cornered bandits, fight to the last and would rather die fighting, involving in the process unimaginable miseries for their own people, rather than get caught to answer for their national and international crimes. There is, therefore, every likelihood they might try to continue the struggle in Bavaria till the very end although militarily it will be worse than futile. But it is to be doubted if they will resort to poison gas. This is doubtful not because they will regard it as inhuman but because they will themselves be destroyed before they can do much harm to their pursuers.

German Air Activities

For the last two or three days the Germans have been sending "piloted planes" too over England, causing, as the formula goes, casualties and damages. This recrudescence of what may be called orthodox air attack must naturally attract notice. For months now, almost a year, the Germans have been concentrating on their V-weapons, the pilotless flying bombs and rockets for the purpose of continuing their air activities against Britain. This was due primarily to the marked weakening of the Luftwaffe. And since the Luftwaffe and German production resources have been further crippled the return of the piloted aircraft does not constitute an event promising any significant development. It is merely a sporadic outburst of feeble energy designed also perhaps to bolster German morale. But it will fail. It is, of course, clear that a few aircraft can and will bomb England until the very end of German resistance. And the V-bombing will continue with the present regularity as long as the Germans possess bases sufficiently close to Britain, as long, that is, as they retain occupation of Holland.

Arab Propaganda Plans

We are glad to note the Arab League has lost no time in getting to work too. The Foreign Ministers discussed the report of their propaganda special subcommittee and have taken a practical step in the right direction. "There will", says a Reuter's dispatch, "be a central office in Cairo to collect information and statistics to be sent to offices in Britain and the United States. According to one report, four Arab propaganda offices will be opened in the United States—Washington, New York, Boston and San Francisco. A number of young Palestinians have been accepted for the propaganda staff and Americans and Englishmen with pro-Arab sympathies will also be engaged." It is a great work on which the Arab League has started. And it is worthy of the job. But it is a hard task because the Zionists have had a strong hold on America and Britain, ever since the last war. And the Governments in both countries are for various reasons, sentimental and material, inclined towards Zionism. This also means that the Arab League should devote its attention to Britain too.

China's Preparations

A Chungking message says: "Chinese forces have recaptured Chaling, 60 miles east of the rail junction town. Chaling is a strategically important town on the east flank of the Canton-Hankow Railway. If the Chinese can effectively cut Japan's one and only land communication from north to south of the latter's ill-gotten Empire in East Asia and keep it cut they will render a great service to the Allies' military cause. But, of course, that is not the contribution that China can or will make to the defeat of the common enemy. Chinese soldiers in tens of thousands are undergoing rigorous training in preparation for the coming counter-offensive against the Jap forces. If American assistance is as adequate in the matter equipment as it is in that of training the Chinese Army is certain to give a splendid account of itself. But unity remains the greatest need of China. And the need grows urgent as the time for decisive battles with Japan on the Chinese mainland draws nearer.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

You usually can gauge the depth of a man's love by the silliness of his letter to the girl in the case.

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A woman always credits another woman with having excellent judgment when they both dislike the same person.

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A time-table is the one you acquire by paying for it on the instalment plan.

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Honour compels us to tell a man his faults to his face, but the law of self-preservation makes it safer to tell his neighbour.

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If it wasn't for the weather, a great many loafers would have no excuse for remaining in the business.

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Time may be money, but somehow your friends always appreciate the money you spend with them more than the time.

WAR FRONT OR ANTI-WAR FRONT?

LAHORE, March 5.

A question asked in the Punjab Assembly elicited the information that Mr. Brahmanand, a member of the National War Front and District War Committee, Kangra, had been arrested on March 30 last year under the Defence of India Rules.

Replying to a supplementary the Government statement that the reason of his arrest was that he was doing something contrary to the prosecution of war.—United Press.

Case Against Parvati Devi Withdrawn

LAHORE, March 5.

The Punjab Government withdrew the case against Shrimati Parvati Devi, a prominent Congress worker.

It may be recalled that she was under restriction and was arrested for alleged violation of the restriction order at the Model Town where she went to enquire into the health of a patient in the Golabdevi Hospital. United Press.

CORPORATOR RELEASED.

CALCUTTA, March 5: Mr. Bijoysingh Nahar, Councillor of the Calcutta Corporation was released this morning from the Dum Dum Central Jail. He was arrested on October 2, 1942, under D. I. R. 129 and made later a Regulation III prisoner.—United Press.

"GANDHI-ITES' DILEMMA"

An Appreciation And Endorsement

(By K. F. Nariman)

If Syt. Mashruwalla's latest contribution in the press, 'Gandhites Dilemma', echoes and represents Gandhian ideology of to-day, then we must confess that Gandhism has passed through an imperceptible, but vital and welcome revolution. Syt. Mashruwalla can rightly claim to be progressive orthodox Gandhi-ite. His devotion and fidelity to his 'Guru' has not made him a 'blind' follower; he has not only the sincerity to follow when he is convinced, but also the moral courage to differ, and even to criticise when he is unconvinced. He is fully qualified to re-echo the ever-changing and perplexing 'Inner Voice' of his Master, hence his contribution on this Gandhian topic should carry great weight as an authentic declaration, with both orthodox and progressive Gandhi-ites.

We can safely assume that this interpretation of the most recent instructions of the benevolent dictator must be correct. According to this latest exposition, Gandhiji wants his followers to decide for themselves that every man should be his own guide, and that he is anxious to see that workers' political and constructive, hereinafter learn to work on their own responsibility and initiative, and develop courage even to make mistakes and learn from them. These great and wise words of encouragement should help future development in right direction; and if sincerely followed by his hitherto servile and paralysed followers, it should bring about a welcome change not only in political, but in public life in general.

If Gandhiji really desires to enforce this much-needed and belated reform in his followers, he must first of all discourage, nay even prohibit, the so-called holy pilgrimage to 'Mecca of India,' 'The Sacred Shrine of Sevagram'. The enervating, impotent and fatalist belief, that all problems, big or small, political, domestic, economic or religious, can be easily solved only by a reference to Gandhiji should be immediately dispelled; the lost self-confidence must be regained; hitherto mortgaged brain and intellect must be redeemed and orthodox Congressmen must again learn to think for themselves and act on their own initiative and responsibility. They must enjoy, as very appropriately put, the privilege of making mistakes and profiting by these blunders; that the long nursed and demoralising habit of dependency and constant reference has introduced a canker in public life, so that in this political circle, even the most highly cultured and polished intellect, has lost initiative, sense of responsibility and self-confidence. No move in any field is considered possible, unless it has received the 'Mahatmic blessings'; to proceed without his assent, or in spite of his dissent, is considered public impudence. Such enforced and unreal 'Gandhism' has resulted in hypocrisy and duplicity, doing more harm to the real spirit of Gandhism than any other hostile or opposing factor.

DEMOCRATISE THE CONGRESS.

The valuable suggestions in the concluding portion of Syt. Mashruwalla's article should be given effect to without any delay. If, as suggested, 'Swaraj' is to come from within and below, and the democratic process of initial thinking and voting is to start from Village, then the present top-heavy undemocratic constitution of the Congress must be scrapped. If the Village unit is to be the nucleus of Congress Democracy, the present system of a superimposed Cabinet or Working Committee must go. Since the Gandhian sway, over 20 years ago, it is the same batch of nominees, year after year, that are functioning with most autocratic and wide powers, and the retiring members every year re-elect themselves; the Mahatmic blessings on the favoured few, put the final seal of approval, so that none dare oppose or suggest a new name; in the A.I.C.C. and in open sessions. Their names are merely announced for information; the result is that membership of the Working Committee is a life-long political vested interest, sometimes even hereditary, till the incumbent is either physically incapacitated, due to old age and infirmity, or till the 'Divine Call' relieves him of the burden. Such political phenomenon is unique in the Indian National Congress. Nowhere, in any other democratic organisation in the world, has the same personnel acted so long in the same Cabinet. To suggest that out of millions, one cannot find a dozen equally capable and competent individuals to replace them, is to cast an undeserved slur on the political capacity of India and to make a sad confession of her unfitness for 'Swaraj'. Besides, such permanent political fixtures, securely entrenched, without fear of facing, or accounting to, the general electorate, have a dangerous tendency towards totalitarianism and fascism, particularly when such long-termed offices are invested with wide powers and patronage. In course of time, even the most democratic and liberal mentality becomes arbitrary and intolerant, and autocracy reigns supreme under the false and deceptive garb of discipline.

AN ANOMALY.

It is both an anomaly and an irony, that in such-maligned imperialist England the lowest can rise to the highest, and become a Premier, by democratic process and merit; that in capitalist and aristocratic America, a worker from the hovel and factory, can march straight to the most exalted position of President. But in this largest political mass organisation, the Indian National Congress, since more than a generation past, the brightest jewel, outside this particular group, cannot even dream of, the presidential 'gadi', because here the democracy is reversed, and instead of starting from the lowest unit, the Village Panchayet as desired by Syt. Mashruwalla, all initiative, planning, proposals and decisions emanate from the top—very often from one individual alone, and accepted, without question, as 'fait accompli' through different stages, by the whole organisation. The deciding factor is 'Mahatma's Inner Voice, first communicated in confidence to his confidants, the Working Committee, and then so-called 'democratic' vote follows, after the fate is already sealed, merely as a matter of form and procedure. Open Sessions is more demonstrative than democratic, only a propagandist method of registering the Mahatmic decrees and mandates conveyed through the Working Committee, as a post office.

No wonder that hostile critics make most of this anomalous situation, and dub the Congress as a fascist body. It is this unhealthy system that has most discredited, both Congress and Gandhism, and the true lover, both of Congress and Gandhism, should raise his voice against it, as my friend Syt. Mashruwalla has done, though belatedly. Even at the risk of being misunderstood and of once again incurring the displeasure and wrath of the 'Mighty Few,' I will continue to raise my feeble faint voice against it, even though I know that it is a cry in the wilderness. This is not a new proposal; years ago notices of resolutions on similar lines were given by the writer in A.I.C.C. but the said unsavoury proposals were lost in the Congress Secretariat file, and non-violently and unceremoniously consigned to the vast dust-bin of Swaraj Bhavan at Allahabad. It never found a place in the crowded agenda of A.I.C.C., since then for long I had given up further efforts as a hopeless and thankless job, but the thought-provoking article of Syt. Mashruwalla is responsible for re-inspiring and re-awakening the long silenced critic.

I do hope and pray that in the interests of the organisation and the country Syt. Mashruwalla will succeed, when I have failed.

POLISH BAIT FOR SOVIET HELP IN PACIFIC?

"Review Of World Affairs" On Crimea Conference Decisions

LONDON, March 5.

Discussing the Crimea Conference decision regarding Poland, the "Review of World Affairs", edited by Kenneth de Courcy, alleges that Stalin's help in the Pacific is the dazzling prize for which President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill are striving even at a large cost.

KEEN DIVISION

Those who feel thus and who are convinced that Stalin means to come in, feel a deep, passionate hatred of all who dare controversially to raise any issues likely to disturb things.

Signs are that Stalin is for intervention against Japan—because if successful, Russia would thus eliminate the only remaining world power outside the Anglo-Saxon group. She would dominate Asia. Her influence over India alone would be enormous. If the present Russian offensive in Europe fully succeeds then Stalin may have enough influence at home to permit him to enter the Pacific war.

If Russia does strike it would immensely facilitate the prosecution of a very complicated and vast undertaking—far exceeding in magnitude than what many people allow themselves to think.

BIG JOB

Complete rubbing out of Japan is a big job. If Stalin enters the Pacific war it will be because he considers it a wise move in the grand strategy and not because he has been humoured or appeased. He naturally uses his present neutrality as a diplomatic counter. Stalin will not be able to intervene unless his present European offensive against Germany speedily comes to a profitable and entirely successful conclusion.

The strain on Russia is so great that any serious prolongation struggle with Germany would greatly reduce and might eventually eliminate, for a considerable time, her capacity to make war elsewhere.

Note: The Conservative M.P.s, Messrs. W. Nunn and Victor Raikes, who voted against the Crimea decision in the last Commons debate are among the directors of the "Review of World Affairs."

Soviet Commission In Warsaw

LONDON, March 5: The Moscow Radio states that the Soviet Commission, whose duty it will be to organise and co-ordinate Soviet aid to Poland, has arrived in Warsaw.

Towards Polish National Unity?

LONDON, March 5: London political circles believe that last week's debate and vote in the Commons on the Yalta proposals regarding Poland have had the effect of speeding up preparations for a conference of Polish leaders which will discuss the formation of the Provisional Government of National Unity.

It is understood that the Allied Commission in Moscow, consisting of M. Molotov, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and M. Averell Harriman, have already agreed on the list of Poles to be invited to the Conference.—Globe.

CLARE LUCE FLIES TO LONDON

WASHINGTON, March 5.

Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, a Republican Congress Member for Connecticut and wife of the proprietor of "Life"—"Time" newspapers, left for London by air on an invitation of the British Embassy in Washington.

Mrs. Luce will report on the part British women have played in the war. —Reuter.

Readers' Views

Requisioning Of Residential Flats

There are reports prevalent in Bombay that several hundred flats are to be requisitioned in near future and that the Marine Drive and Churchgate Reclamation is to be cleared of all civil population.

Already about thirty families, two boarding houses and an Infant School in Churchgate Reclamation area have received warning notices that their flats are likely to be requisitioned after the 1st of April and they are asked to shift somewhere else.

Where they should shift or go, no one knows, not even the Government or the military. At least all know this that they cannot go and there is no room for them anywhere except on the streets and the pavements. To ask people to vacate in these abnormally hard times without providing alternative accommodation is to throw them out in the streets, to disrupt happy homes and to increase the miseries of the people which are already manifold.

If there is necessity for requisitioning any buildings, why not turn attention to places like the Cricket Club of India, the Bombay Gymkhana, the Radio Club, the Bombay Club, the Willingdon Sports Club, the Yacht Club, the spacious grounds of the Byculla Club, the large number of Cinema Theatres of the City and innumerable such other properties.

All of us will be ready to sacrifice our pleasures rather than see even one individual rendered homeless. If our clubs are acquired, we will have other places for our sports, games and pleasures. We can have them in the open. We can well do without Cinemas in these times of war. Why a few might be kept and attendance there strictly rationed.

But there is no need to close down the Cinemas since as an alternative method, why not induce business houses to cramp themselves in smaller spaces whereby surely one flat in each building in business locality in the Fort could be spared for the military.

By this means I am sure a few hundred flats could be easily secured in Fort area alone without kicking out people from their residential flats. Why not even put up temporary blocks for the military in the abundant open spaces on the Churchgate and Colaba Reclamation grounds. Besides Government have requisitioned some properties which are lying vacant. Two such properties are a Warden Road.

In spite of all this if it at all becomes necessary to requisition residential properties instead of making flat occupiers homeless, why not turn attention to the spacious bungalows on the Malabar and Cumballa Hill's. There big properties are occupied by small families. They should be made to spare available accommodation in their respective bungalows for military or for civilian residents. A lot of bungalows could thus be secured without throwing any one out in the streets.

We have heard of people being rendered homeless by air raids or enemy action. Let not any such thing happen in Bombay without a single bomb falling from the air or a single enemy landing on our shores. We all hope that Government will forthwith come to the rescue and by prompt action show that it is as anxious for the welfare of its subjects as any national government of the people would be.

D. R. P.

Students And Literacy Work

In a few days students will have long vacation in the City. This valuable time can be fully utilised by them in carrying on a mass literacy campaign in the City. Bombay is more fortunate than other cities of India in having an Adult Education Committee solely for the purpose of training and providing all the materials necessary to carry on the literacy work. If every student gives only an hour per day, illiteracy can be liquidated completely in a very short period. A thousand literacy classes must be conducted in the City to achieve the desired goal. Let each one teach one.

Spread of literacy is one of the most important items of Gandhiji's fifteen point constructive programme. It is very difficult to work up all the items of the programme at a time as various practical difficulties do not permit to do so. But unquestionably literacy work is easiest and renders great service. Students will do much by helping in this noble cause. Let us not forget that knowledge is a great debt which can be repaid only by spreading it.

For those who have a keen desire to serve the masses, students have their own organisation, that is, Bombay Students' Union. The Union proposes to launch a mass literacy campaign in Bombay by opening a hundred literacy classes with the help of Congress organisation and Adult Education Committee. The success of this campaign depends on continuous co-operation of thousands of our students.

PRAHALAD MEHTA.
Bombay Students' Union (Nationalist).

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Prof. K. P. Chattopadhya, head of the Department of Anthropology, Calcutta University, says that a preliminary census survey carried out under him in some parts of Bengal revealed that about 45 lakhs of people had died in Bengal during the last famine. The authorities in Bengal have estimated the figure at 40 lakhs. AN EXHAUSTIVE SURVEY RECENTLY CONDUCTED, Prof. CHATTOPADHYA ADDED, REVEALED THAT THE TOTAL DEATHS AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 96 LAKHS. Investigation carried out by him discloses that during the past two years 46 per cent of the people in the province had succumbed from major diseases.

—A. P.

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From a House of Commons report:—

"Earl Winterton: Is it not a fact that a great majority of British officers in the Indian Army are only too proud to be connected with such a force (meaning the Indian Army)

Mr. Amery: Yes, I believe so."

But is it not also a fact that it was silly to ask such an unnecessary question? Of course, they are all only too proud.

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British military and political commentators have, of late, been emphasising that the so-called First Canadian Army is three quarters made up of United Kingdom troops.

The importance, urgent importance of making clear the exact position cannot be denied.

But, we do hope these commentators will not go on subconsciously to make the position similarly clear about, for instance, the officer situation in the Indian Army.

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According to an Anglo-Indian report, Mr. G. M. Syed has written a letter to Mr. Jinnah (1) questioning the latter's assumption that Mr. Syed had given any assurance to the Quaide Azam and (2) greatly resenting the language employed towards him by Mr Jinnah.

Which adds up to two further reasons why Mr Syed should be expelled from at least the High Command.

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Mr. Syed, according to the same report, asserts that Sir Ghulam Husain is not even a two anna member of the League.

But that is entirely irrelevant. It's nothing to do with this prestige and strength of the organisation. Sir Ghulam Husain is two thousand rupees (or whatever the sum may be) Premier of the League. And that's what matters.

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Nor is there any point in Mr. Syed's claim that it is he who has built up the entire organisation in Sind.

He may have done so. But it is Sir Ghulam Husain—apparently an honorary member of the Muslim League—who created the Muslim League Ministry which is infinitely more important.

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"Karachi Municipal Corporation has decided to establish a Ministry of Health in Sind. It appears that the Bhore Committee has also made a similar suggestion to the province"—U. P.

It is, moreover, obvious that it's urgently needed too.

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Mr. A. K. Pillai has explained to Reuters why he declined to join the deputation to Mr. Amery to ask for the release of Congress leaders.

You need not bother about Mr. Pillai's arguments. The point is that they do make out a convincing case for India to demand an O.B.E. for Mr. Pillai. The C. B. E. (Companion of the British Empire) to be reserved of course, for Big Boss, Comrade M. N. Roy.

Another Revolution On Way In Spain?

LONDON, March 4: Falangist Spain is "slowly but surely being liquidated" writes a special correspondent of the Observer. In country after country one has been losing her diplomatic representation—and this not only in countries liberated by Russia.

It is pointed out that Senor Matsu, Franco's nominee as Ambassador to France, has not yet been approved by the French Government. Matsu is now in France only as personal representative of Franco. The Belgian Cabinet does not consider the time has yet come for appointment of a Spanish Ambassador to Brussels.

The correspondent also refers to the British Government's "tardiness" in appointing a successor to Ambassador Lord Templewood (formerly Sir Samuel Hoare) in Madrid.

"The international position which Spain finds herself in is bound soon to have some effect on her already critical internal situation," concludes the correspondent. "Perhaps the next few weeks will show whether or not bloodless revolution is again possible in Spain."—Globe.

New Spanish Morocco C.-in-C.

LONDON, March 5: Spanish Radio announces that Lieutenant General Varela has been appointed the new High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief of the Army in Spanish Morocco.

CUT OUT R AND KEEP

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS OF QUERIES ABOUT MILK CENTRES....

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NOTE IT AND SOMEWHERE THE PART OF LABS OF YOUR RATION CARDS. THIS WILL HELP YOU IF YOU HAPPEN TO LOSE THEM

GIVE CORRECT INFORMATION WHILE APPLYING FOR RATION CARDS OR FILLING ANY OTHER RATIONING FORM

"SUPER-FORTS" RAID TOKYO AGAIN

Japanese Troops Retreating On Northern Tip Of Iwojima

NEW YORK, March 5: Super-fortresses raided Tokyo for the third time in three days today according to a Tokyo broadcast picked up here. Ten planes are stated to have taken part.

JAP RETREAT ON IWOJIMA

A Japanese military spokesman to-day said that Japanese troops were retreating step by step to the northern tip of Iwojima, a vital defence outpost 550 miles south of Tokyo in the face of "overwhelming" pressure by American forces.

Widespread Attacks On Jap Targets

CHUNGKING, March 5: A Communique from the headquarters of the United States Forces in China reports widespread air attack on Japanese rail and sea communications in North China, south-west of Hongkong and in French Indo-China.

British Pacific Fleet Ready For First Action, Says Fraser

MELBOURNE, March 5: The British Pacific Fleet is "ready for its first action", said Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, its Commander-in-Chief, today.

Admiral Fraser said that a large part of roughly 50 per cent of the British Pacific Fleet would consist of aircraft-carriers. The Americans had proved the tremendous value of carrierborne aircraft. War both in European and Pacific theatres had reached its peak simultaneously and more shipping was needed now than at any time during the war.

He felt that the Japanese fleet was holding back until the threat to their mainland came closer and would enable them to use land-based aircraft in support.

Asked if the British Pacific Fleet could handle the Japanese Navy on its own, Sir Bruce said: "If the British Fleet and the Japanese Navy could agree to meet at a certain spot and fight it out, I do not doubt what the result would be, but the Pacific Ocean is a big area and to patrol it is a gigantic task".

Allies Capture Several Burmese Villages

ADV. HQ. ALFSEA, March 5: To-day's SEAC Communique says:

FOURTEENTH ARMY: On the left flank of the Twentieth Indian Division's bridgehead south of Myinmu and West of Mandalay the British Second Division has now a firm bridgehead. After severe fighting the village of Ngazun, 31 river miles west of Mandalay, was captured. Enemy resistance continues.

In the Myinmu bridgehead two villages, hitherto strongly held by the enemy, have been occupied by our troops after an airstrike. In the Ingu bridgehead north of Mandalay troops of the Nineteenth Indian Division have taken a position on the island of Kethin, 44 river miles of Mandalay. S. E. of Kethin they have captured the villages of Shwegondaing and Shwepyi.

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS: Troops advancing northwards from Ru-Ywa are now two miles from Tamandu (62 miles east of Akyab). Other troops are also approaching Tamandu from the north.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: Chinese troops yesterday captured Man Sam on the Namtu-Shipaw road and the junction for a road eastwards to Lashio. Other units captured Panghkyem eight miles east of Man Sam on this road to Lashio.

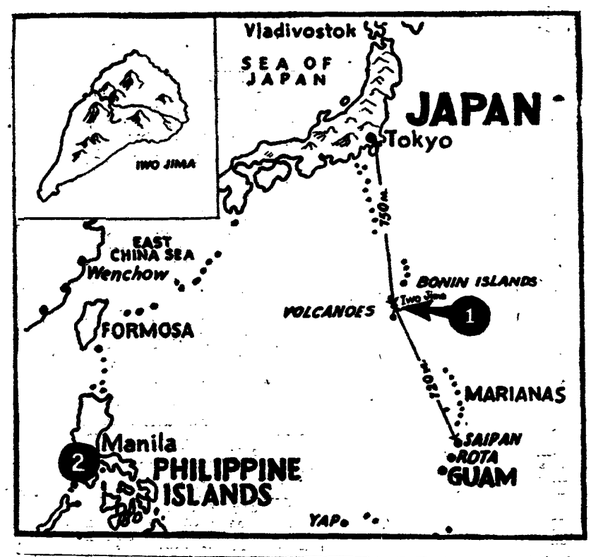
Heavy bombers of Eastern Air Command last night attacked railway yards in the Bangkok area. Other Allied aircraft yesterday bombed Toungoo, on the Rangoon-Mandalay railway, and hit traffic on the same line.

Two Allied aircraft are missing.

Suribachi Gives Hot Rations To Marines

IWOJIMA, March 4: Suribachi volcano acted up a bit—and American marines on this battle-scarred island had hot rations for the first time in several days. During the night of March 3 the volcano began the eruption of hot lava from a hundred fissures on the northern slope. The Americans soon began shoving cans of rations into the cracks and in 15 minutes took them out piping hot.

The unusual number of Japanese observed scuttling from volcanic caves suggested that sulphur fumes drove them into the open.—A. P.



T. U. OFFICIALS MUST BE EXEMPTED

Maritime Union's Protest Against Govt. Policy

BOMBAY March 5.

A resolution requesting the Government of India to exempt Trade Union officials from the operation of the Technical Personnel Ordinance was passed by the Executive Committee of the Maritime Union of India held on March 2.

The resolution condemns the policy adopted by the National Service Labour Tribunal in attempting to apply the ordinance against the General Secrtary of the Maritime Union, Mr. D. Mungat.

The resolution also protests against the policy of the Tribunal in attempting to remove persons already trained and engaged in essential services like the Bombay Port Trust, B. N. R. Ferries and Chittagong Pilot Service.—A. P.

FUTURE OF DEPRESSED CLASSES

Interested Can Be Safeguarded Only In Free India

ALLAHABAD, March 5.

Mr. Bishwanath Prasad, M. L. A., who is General Secretary of the U. P. Depressed Class League, has issued a statement clarifying the position of the Depressed Classes in India.

He says that it is only in an independent India that the interests of the Depressed Classes can be safeguarded and that all efforts should be co ordinated for the sake of unity. He criticises Dr. Ambedkar's attitude towards Congress and the Hindus.—United Press.

18 WOMEN DETENUS IN BENGAL.

CALCUTTA, March 5: Replying to a question in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day, Khan Bahadur Md. Ali, Parliamentary Secretary, stated that there were 18 women security prisoners in Bengal and that some of them were suffering from minor ailments.—A. P.

Third bridgehead over the Irrawaddy was established when 33 Corps struck across the river on February 12 and 16, near Myinmu, Burma, 30 miles west of Mandalay. Jap efforts to hurl Allies back were frustrated by this Corps and 14th Army troops after fierce fighting. Safely across, tank and men on newly built road.

Gurkhas attack in burning Burmese village.

Central Assembly

Finance Member Represents John Bull & Co.

Manu Subedar Attacks The Budget; N. M. Joshi Wants Nationalisation Of Coal Industry

NEW DELHI, March 5.

The Assembly began to-day the general debate on the Budget.

Mr. Manu Subedar (Congress), opening the debate, said that in spite of his protestations, Sir Jeremy Raisman was true representative of John Bull and Co. in this country. It might be, he added, that Mr. Churchill was not liquidating the empire but Sir Jeremy Raisman was very effectively liquidating the economic life of the country.

The Defence expenditure of Rs. 400 crores, he said, overshadowed all other details of the Budget. This figure was ten times the normal figure and exceeded even the Finance Member's own budgeted figure of 118 crores. He hoped the Indian members would not try to defend the white man's position.

A ONE PARTY SETTLEMENT!

As regards the financial settlement, Mr. Manu Subedar observed that he saw only one Government in England and India, and he asked the Law Member and other eminent lawyers whether a "settlement" did not imply two parties. "There were negotiations I am told," Mr. Manu Subedar said, "and arrangement was concluded and a decision taken. It is presented to us and we are asked to confirm it and we must not question it and doubt the motive of the Finance Member because he is only carrying out a settlement."

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed (Muslim League) opposed the proposal to levy the Death Duty. He referred to the disparity between the low price of raw cotton and the high price of cotton textiles, which, he said, showed that the factories were making enormous profits at the expense of the poor. There ought to be some limitation on the declaration of dividends, he said.

"DEHYDRATED" INFORMATION.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari was particularly dissatisfied with the handling of such questions as Defence expenditure, Lease-Lend arrangement, Dollar credit and sales of gold and silver in this country and the manner in which the sterling balance position had been dealt with.

Information was given to members on Defence expenditure in a "dehydrated" form, he remarked, and he was unable to make head or tail out of it. It was no satisfaction to him that the Defence expenditure would be scrutinised by the Public Accounts Committee and he insisted upon a committee of the House to be associated with Defence expenditure. He wanted to know the amount of reverse Lease-Lend aid which India had afforded to the United States.

TAKE OVER COAL INDUSTRY.

Mr. N. M. Joshi characterised the Budget as timid, and said that the Government appeared to be a tired-out body.

He considered that the Finance Member should have tried to meet the deficit by proper taxation, such as more Income-tax for people with large incomes. He complained that indirect taxation, such as that on tobacco, fell upon the poorest classes in the country.

Mr. Joshi wanted Government to take over control and own the coal industry so that it might be an additional source of revenue.

Mr. Hussainbhai Lalji asked how long and to what extent India was to become a creditor nation, and to what purpose. Sterling resources to the extent of one crore per day were accumulating in London, but was India going to get anything in return, he wondered.

Mr. Hussainbhai Lalji wanted the Government to give an assurance that the industries created during the war by Indians would be maintained and developed, and not crippled by Government.

FATAL SPEECH.

The next speaker was Mr. K. S. Gupta. He compared the way in which rationing was being administered in Britain with that in India and said that while rationing had resulted in better health in Britain, in India it had resulted, according to the Butler report, in "bribery and corruption" and petty harassment by minor officials. Even as it was, only one tenth of the population were rationed although rationing was introduced two years ago. It might take twenty years at this rate to ration the whole country.

Mr. Gupta quoted a press report of February 27 that at least 200,000 people spread over 400 villages were the victims of famine condition in the coastal stretch between Chicacole and Chilka. He had corresponded with the District Magistrate of Vizagapatam, who replied that the main difficulty at the moment was shortage of medical staff.

Mr. Gupta was taken ill at this stage.—A. P.

NO RICE IN DAHANU

It is a pity that there is no rice and wheat for sale in the Mahvan Union since three days.

There are thousands of poor and middle class people solely depending on the union for rice and wheat—one day there is no rice—another day there is no wheat. This is the slogan of the day in the last two months.

It is very hard to understand this kind of "Andha Dundhi" in the affairs of the union which is solely responsible for distribution of food grains to the poor villagers. I have often voiced this kind of irregularities through your "Sentinel" but the people concerned are quite inadvertent and not in a position to mend or end the suffering of the poor villagers.

No doubt, the officers concerned have their own rice to eat but what are a poor villagers—daily wage earners like me—to do? Starving or begging? What to do with the hard earned money if there is no food grains in the Union? Drinking cheap adulterated country liquor and falling on the road as dead animals?

It is an admitted fact Dahanu Taluka is a rice producing country and rice is the only staple food of the poor villagers. Cleaned or uncleaned but a good rice and enough of rice full of vitamin (not with worms) is required by the poor village labourers. Depriving them of such staple food grains will produce starvation, epidemic and low vitality among the labour classes.

It is said the cause for no rice and no wheat in the Union is the dual system existing in the local Government department. If it is so, it is the duty of the Government to find out the real cause for this kind of inefficiency and set right the affairs of the Union and save the poor people from starvation.

A VILLAGER.

LEBANESE BY-ELECTION RESULT

BEIRUT, March 5: The result of partial elections to the Lebanese Chamber in Mount Lebanon district show 23,000 votes to the candidates of the Constitutional (Destourian) Party, against 13,000 for the candidates of the Lebanese Phalangists. Philippe Takla, brother of the late Foreign Minister, thus becomes the new deputy succeeding his brother. It is believed that the Phalangists and the National Bloc may appeal against the way the elections are held.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA, March 4: Mr. H. D. Bose, a senior most barrister of Calcutta, died to-day at his residence at an age of about 75 after a protracted illness. His funeral was largely attended.

Reports that the French Government had decided to forbid the publication in France of the Spanish "emigre" newspapers are authoritatively denied in Paris.

8 Race Bet Accused Bailed Out

BOMBAY, Monday.

As many as eight different cases of alleged receiving of unauthorised race bets by persons found within the Mahaluxmi Race Course enclosures, were put up to-day before the 8th Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum.

The persons who were put up before the Magistrate were all granted bail. The police claimed the seizure of race bet slips and cash from every person concerned.

CHUNGKING, Mar. 4.

Officials sent by the Chinese War Production Board to India to check and receive cloth returned to Chungking reporting that cloth ordered by the Chinese Government and stored in India amounts to 3,000 tons.

The total includes 6 000 articles of yarn, 600,000 to 700 000 uniforms and piecegoods of khaki.

The officials reported that 99 per cent of the cloth was in excellent condition with only some brass buttons either rusted or mildewed.—United Press of America

Victims Of Jap Fury

Indian Casualties In Manila

MANILA, March 3.

The Secretary of the Bombay Merchants' Association here, Mr. Rashmal Gianchand, to-day told Reuter that there were authenticated cases of 14 Indian men and women who were either machine-gunned or burned alive by the Japanese before the latter were finally destroyed by the Americans.

The known dead among Manila's Indian Colony include Chandumal Doolamal, Ratan Parsram, Bheroomal Mooljimal of Tando Adam, Doulatram Udharam, Kimintrai Vensimal, Pokerdas, Kishinchard Mirchandani, Mrs. Devibai Chandumal, Gobindo Ranchand, Devjimal of Tando Adam, Lachmandas Paramanand, Hotchand Haoomal, Menghamal Fatiomal, and three daughters of Kishinchand Tirthas.

Mr. Gianchand reported that a majority of surviving members of the Indian colony lost everything in a fire started by the Japanese, which gutted the main sections of the business quarter and a greater part of Manila's residential areas.—Reuter.

Boiled Rice Prices In City Revised

The Government of Bombay has revised the rates of boiled rice in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District from March 4, 1945. The revised rates are—variety B1—Rs. 1-4-0 per payli; variety B2—Re. 0-13-0 per payli.

FREEZING OF CLOTH

The Textile Commissioner to the Government of India has extended to Ahmedabad with effect from March 1, 1945, the regulation which now applies to the Bombay City and Suburban Area under which all goods bought from a manufacturer are frozen with the purchaser (i.e. the quota holder) and can only be sold and delivered to a person holding a Permit issued by the Textile Commissioner.

In the case of Ahmedabad, however, after full consultation with them, advantage is being taken of the organisations of the Maskati Cloth Market Association, and the Panchkuva Cloth Market Association. It has been arranged that the Purchase Permits should be presented to these Associations which have undertaken to ensure that the holders procure, at not more than the legal price, the cloth which their Permits entitle them to buy.

LONDON, March 5: Gen. Sir Henry George Chauvel, Australia's great cavalry officer, died yesterday at Melbourne, aged 80. He commanded Allenby's mounted troops in the campaign which ended Turkish rule over Palestine in the last great war.—A. P.

LAHORE, March 5: The Punjab Civil Liberties Union Conference will be held during the middle of April, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai is expected to preside.—United Press.

Vice Admiral Marc. A. Mitscher (right) who commands the U. S. Carrier Aircraft Task Force attacking targets in and around Tokio and Vice-Admiral R. A. Spruance (left) commander of Pacific Fleet Forces bombarding Iwogima.

Allies Reach Defence Belt Of Cologne

FALL OF FIRST RHINELAND CITY IMMINENT

Ninth Army Reach Rhine West Of Homberg

S. H. A. E. F., March 5.

Allied forces, have reached the defence belt of Cologne. Germans today continued to withdraw before the first Canadian and ninth United States armies says Reuter's special correspondent.

They are holding the Allied troops at an arms length by skilful rearguard actions while ferrying the bulk of their troops across the Rhine. Indications are that nearly all troops now pinned against the river will be able to cross the river.

Night patrols of the first United States army reached the Rhine to-day at a point one and half miles north-west of Homberg.

This means that if the bridge at Homberg is still intact, its use is completely denied to the retreating Germans. The German bridgehead is thus further narrowed.

American Advance

The German overseas news agency reported late to-night that the Americans were rushing several divisions at top speed, to the Rhine bend opposite Duesseldorf.

Infantry and tank spearheads had reached the river bank with the intention of creating a bridgehead on the eastern bank.

Reuter's special correspondent with the United States Third Army says: The United States Third Army to-day captured nine towns and cleared another two and gained up to two miles and a half on a 35 miles front.

The Kyll river bridgehead, nine miles north of Trier was consolidated

Civilians Quit Cologne

LONDON, March 4. The German overseas News Agency reports that all non-essential civilians have been evacuated from the city of Cologne.

Germans today blew up the great Adolf Hitler highway bridge across the Rhine northwest of Duesseldorf.

British troops of the first Canadian Army continued to advance today clearing Geldern and driving almost five miles east of it on to the main Geldern Wesel Road.

On the Maas British troops captured Rhine flank British troops are in Mariepebaum and Vyner. Walbech without opposition. South of Hochwald the towns of Jauswinkel and Halmannakof were captured. On the

Fall Of Cologne Imminent

The fall of wrecked Cologne, the first city of the Rhineland and the fourth city of Germany to the First Army seemed imminent as Americans opened in on it from north north-west and west to-day, says the Associated Press of America.

The Germans were manning its perimeter defences but the job of these troops appear to be only to hold the attackers back until more military traffic could get through streets choked with debris to the only remining bridge over the Rhine.

Line Clear For Berlin Offensive

RUSSIANS CAPTURE KOESLIN AND PYRITZ

Operations For Liquidation Of 20,000 Germans Trapped In East Prussia Begin

MOSCOW, March 5.

Marshal Rokossovsky has reached the Baltic and has captured Koeslin, says an Order of the Day by Marshal Stalin.

This means Marshal Rokossovsky has reached the sea roughly 30 miles east of Marshal Zhukov.

LONDON: Soviet successes in the Baltic area have disrupted the German northern flank and left Zhukov free to concentrate on the Berlin offensive without fear of interference from the North, says Blake Sullivan of the Associated Press of America.

The message states:—

Two Russian armies commanded by Marshals Zhukov and Rokossovsky today started the task of liquidating 20 000 Germans trapped in East Prussia and the eastern tip of Pomerania.

By reaching the Baltic at two points—in the Kolberg area and farther east in the Danzig vicinity—the Russians cut the last German communication lines to Danzig and the Polish Corridor area.

In his lightning drive to the Baltic, Zhukov covered 62 miles in four days and swept up nine communication centres.

A Reuter's message says:

Marshal Zhukov's troops have captured the railway junction of Pyritz 20 miles south-east of Stettin, said to-night's Soviet "communique". Fifty other places were taken on this sector front south and south-west of Stargard.

Altogether Marshal Zhukov's army group has captured more than 600 inhabited localities.

Battles for annihilation of German troops in East Prussia continued north-west of Koenigsberg and a number of places were taken. On other sectors of the front, the "communique" said, there was reconnaissance activity and local fighting. Ninety German tanks were destroyed and 49 German planes shot down yesterday on all fronts.

RUSSIANS REACH BALTIC

Marshal Zhukov's forces have reached the Baltic in the area of Kolberg 65 miles north-west of Stettin Schievelbein 28 miles south of Kolberg, as also Baerwalde, 42 miles south-east of Kolberg have been occupied by the Red Army, says Marshal Stalin's Order of the Day".

Koeslin is about eighteen miles south south-east of Kolberg. Dramburg, also captured, is 44 miles south of Kolberg

Kolberg is a Baltic port 65 miles north-east of Stettin. It is 25 miles west of Koeslin where Marshal Rokossovsky's spearheads have been on the main Danzig road.

Capture of Kolberg hems in all the German forces operating in Pomerania and separates them from those along the Oder. Schievelbein 28 miles south of Kolberg is on the main railway line from Danzig through Stolp, Schollawe and Koeslin down to Stargard, Stettin and Berlin; Baerwalde 42 miles south-east of Kolberg is only nine miles west of Perzanzig taken yesterday and 17 miles south west of Bublitz which has been in Marshal Rokossovsky's hands since last Monday.

Terms Of Surrender

Eisenhower's Advice To German Towns

LONDON, March 4.

The Luxembourg radio to-night broadcast General Eisenhower's instructions to German towns wishing to surrender.

A delegation of one civilian and one unarmed member of the Wehrmacht must await the Allied spearhead outside the town; all mines must be removed before allied tanks arrive, and troops after being disarmed, must be handed over to the Allied commander as a complete unit.

All arms must be surrendered.—

ALLAHABAD, March 4: Lady Rama Rao has been wired accepting invitation as President of the U.P. and Agra branch of the All-India Women's Conference to be held on March 10 and 11, at Allahabad.—United Press.

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Freezing Of Tapioca Starch Stocks.

The public (especially dealers in Tapioca Starch) is reminded of the Order issued by the Government of Bombay on May 26, 1943, freezing stocks of tapioca starch, whether admixed or not with China clay, chalk or any other substance, and ground dried tapioca roots at any godown or other place of storage in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District. Under this order, a Release Order must be obtained from the office of the Supply Commissioner, Bombay, before removal or disposal of the stocks can take place.

DON'T FORGET TO HAND IN YOUR RATION CARD BEFORE LEAVING BOMBAY

Post-War Horizons In Science

Power Machine And Radio Waves Revolutionise Man's Life

By (Howard W. Blakeslee. Associated Press Science Editor).

NEW YORK, March 5—(AP)—Dr. Robert A. Millikan, of cosmic ray fame, head of the California Institute of Technology, foresees 11 new horizons in pure and applied science after the war.

He tells of them in the industrial publication, Think. Nearly all the basic work for the 11 horizons, he says, was done before Pearl Harbour. The "new horizons" are:

1—A shortwave radio development which cannot be described on account of censorship.

2—Aviation. The war, says Dr. Millikan, brought no new principles, but poured in enormous resources which have profoundly influenced the future of aviation.

"It is," he writes, "primarily the conquest of space by the power machine and the conquest of the ether by radio waves that to-day are revolutionizing man's life on earth much as the steam engine revolutionized it a century ago."

3—Atomic power. Dr. Millikan does not expect atomic power to replace more common sources of energy, either now or even perhaps in thousands of years.

"Atomic power," he says, "is one of the results that cannot be seen through my binoculars, because such power cannot be made available in sufficient quantity to be a decisive factor in the world's power output.

"Man's great source of available energy in the past, is now and I think always will be sunlight—bottled up in coal, oil, living plants, waterfalls and winds, or else absorbed directly in solar heaters. When the oil is gone, we can make liquid fuel from coal. When the coal is gone (thousands of years hence) sunlight-fuel will cost somewhat more than now, but that is no ground for worry."

4—Meteorology. The means of forecasting for some weeks ahead has come to be understood in the last half-dozen years. It is hard to overestimate the importance of this advance for the economic life of man, following the war, Dr. Millikan says when our airships will be traversing all quarters of the globe in great numbers.

5—Guayule. Dr. Millikan thinks of and the agricultural crops (alcohol) from which our synthetic rubber is made, will be needed for gasoline and food respectively, and for making organic products like plastics.

He foresees guayule rubber as perhaps developing into one of the world's great future industries.

6—Metallurgy.

7—Organic solids such as plastics and rubbers.

In both these fields, physicists and chemists have been learning just how atoms and electrons are tied together. The knowledge surely will be used to accelerate products both light and heavy to fit man's needs.

8—Nutrition. No one knows how far nutrition can improve health, happiness and efficiency, but the possibilities are inspiring.

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10 — International co-operation. "Many peace-loving people have known" Dr. Millikan says, "and it would be difficult to find anyone who in the light of Pearl Harbour does not know, that it would be just as intelligent to try to eliminate our internal bandits and maintain peace and order within our borders without providing a police force, as it is to think of maintaining a peaceful international world without getting the peace-loving nations somehow to join their forces to protect themselves from the attacks of the bandit nations.

11. Elimination of internal corrupting tendencies. "All the foregoing post-war situations depend", says Dr. Millikan, "upon the hope that through our decentralized public and private American school systems, our newspapers and magazines, our radios, our forums and other discussion groups we have developed in these United States 51 per cent. of reasonably intelligent voters who understand the dangers to our future of centralization This applies particularly in education with its indoctrinating tendencies so terribly illustrated by the recent history of European countries."—A. P. of America.

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RATIONING INSPECTORS TO HAVE UNIFORMS

Govt. Move To Prevent Cases Of Impersonation And Cheating?

Bombay Rationing Inspectors are being given bush-coat-and-pant uniform and some of them have already begun making their appearance in their new official uniform.

Government authorities proposed this measure, it is learnt, with a view to prevent cases of impersonation and cheating. Rationing Inspectors will as such be seen in their uniforms like the bus-inspectors while on their official work.

The inspectors are given each three suits for the year and the provision of uniforms totalling over 700 is expected to cost the Government over Rs. 20,000 per year.

Shakuntala In Hindi

The Hon. General Secretary of the Vikramaditya Celebration's Committee writes:—

Yet one more grand festival in honour of the Great Vikramaditya is awaiting the reception of the generous and art-loving public of Bombay. Shri Prithviraj Kapur, the screen artist of All-India fame and his Prithvi Theatres have been kind enough to offer their maiden drama Shakuntala in Hindi and their inaugural show of the same for the Vikram Art Gallery. Royal Opera House will see the revival of Shakuntala on all the days from the 9th to the 16th inst. Prithviraj or Shakuntala needs no introduction to the public of Bombay. Their honour for Vikramaditya has already been proved by their patronage and co-operation for the Music and Dance Festivals. This occasion will strengthen it, we hope, even more.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF INDIA.

At the annual general meeting of the Photographic Society of India the following were elected to the Managing Committee for the year 1945. President: Sir Homi M. Mehta; Chairman: H. A. Kharas; Jt. Hon. Secretaries: M. S. Master and Y. M. Purav; Hon. Treasurer: J. V. Bhagat; Hon. Portfolio Secretary: V. H. Thakore; Hon. Librarian: M. V. Vijayakar; Hon. Secretary: P. S. I. Bangalore; Group: Shroff C. S. Sankar, Bangalore; Members: Dr. J. V. Bhat, Dr. S. B. Cooper, B. B. Fanibunda, C. H. Ghia, S. R. Mody, V. V. Oak and F. R. Peermahomed.

15 Planes Bomb Basle

BASLE, March 4.

Between 10 and 15 planes bombed the centre of Basle today, it is now stated.

Another bomber chased by Swiss fighters, jettisoned its load of 500-pound bombs over the western quarter of Zurich.

The main station particularly, was attacked in the bombing of Basle. Rail traffic between Basle and central and western Switzerland was interrupted for a time.—Reuter.

V.-SHELLING OF BRITAIN

LONDON, March 4

Reuter's Air Correspondent, London, writes: It is probable that the flying bombs which have been sent against Britain, were launched from ramps built far from the battle zone.

The lull since the ramps along channel coast were overrun—a lull broken only by airborne flying bombs—would be accounted for by the time needed to prepare new sites, and for increasing the effective range of the missile. As a result, it is surmised that the new type is larger, faster and with a much longer range than the original Vee-ones.—Reuter.

Nazi Raider Over Northern England Town

LONDON, March 4: Both the London area and an eastern town were visited by lone German raiders during the night in the first pitoled plane attacks reported since June 30 last year. An explosion was heard in the London area, but no details are available.

At the eastern town which is in the northern half of England a single raider dropped a stick of small high explosives near the centre of the town killing two people and later returned to machine-gun some district killing one man. A number of houses were damaged.

The only other occasion on which northern England has been referred to in an official communique since the adoption of the new method of announcing German air activity was on Christmas Eve.

ELIZABETH FOR AUXILIARY SERVICE

First Woman Member Of Royal Family To Join Active Service

LONDON, March 4.

King George has granted Princess Elizabeth a commission with the honorary rank of Second Subaltern in the Auxiliary Territorial Service (British Women's Army Corps).

The Princess, at present training as officer driver, has been taken at her own request. She is the first woman member of the royal family to join as full-time active member of the Women's Services.—Reuter.

SLAVS LIBERATE KONJIC

Still Fighting With Enemy In Bradina-Ivan Sedlo Area

LONDON, March 4.

The Yugoslav radio to-night broadcast a "communique" from Marshal Tito stating that the Yugoslav army has liberated Konjic, the last German strongpoint in Hercegovina, and that fighting in the direction of Bradina and Ivan Sedlo is in progress.

CANBERRA, March 4: At the request of the Indian Government, Chief Australian Salvage Officer J. P. Williams has been made available to raise and refloat an 8,000-ton vessel capsized in an Indian port. Lying on its side the ship is already weighted down by 6,000 tons of mud. Mr. Williams estimated that he could do the job in nine months.—Reuter.

Bombay Knocks Up 462 In Ranji Trophy Final

C. K. CONTRIBUTES 2 IN HOLKAR'S TOTAL OF 199 FOR 4

By J. C. MAITRA

The second day's play in the final of the Cricket Championship of India saw Bombay registering the respectable total of 462—thanks mainly to the splendid batting of Yeswant Palwankar who contributed 75 on his own account. Holkar, after a promising start, lost 4 wickets for 199 by the end of the day.

Although it was a full working day, there was a good crowd at the Stadium on Monday. And they were treated to some exhilarating batting by Palwankar in the morning and Mushtaq Ali in the evening.

Yeshwant might have earned the distinction of registering his first century in the Ranji Trophy, were he aware of the fact that there were only three minutes left for the lunch interval. He opened his shoulders at this stage and made a present of his wicket to C. S. Nayudu. Nevertheless he played a fine innings to score 75, including 8 fours, in a stay of 115 minutes at the wicket. His was the last wicket to fall.

UDAY'S GALLANT EFFORT

But before that, Uday Merchant had departed with an addition of only 5 runs to his overnight's collection of 74. He had, however given an excellent exhibition of his ever-improving batsmanship during his career of 128 minutes at the wickets. He had sent the ball 8 times to the boundary. Were it not for his gallant effort, Bombay's total would have been very much poorer.

C. S. ON TOP AGAIN

Keki Tarapore and Madan Raiji gave valiant support to Palwankar, the latter carrying his bat for a valuable 27.

As might be expected, C. S. Nayudu claimed the bowling honours of the innings showing the analysis of 64.5 overs, 10 maidens, 153 runs, 6 wickets.

OPENING PAIRS DETERMINATION

Holkar opened their innings with Bhandarkar and Sarwate. Try as much as Vijay would with a variety of bowlers at short intervals, he could not dislodge either of them before the adjournment for tea. Both the batsmen played determinedly and scored at a slow but steady rate. They had to face the music of some barracking from the Eastern Stands but they took no notice of it. When the interval came, they had put on 91 runs on the score book. Sarwate compiling 54 and Bhandarkar 37.

PHADKAR'S FEAT

The break had its effect on the batsmen. Soon after resumption, Phadkar dismissed both of them. The wicket-keeper was the first to go without any addition to his pre-tea total. He was at the wicket for 133 minutes and had only 3 boundary hits to his credit. Sarwate, on the other hand had raised his score to 67 with 4 fours in its composition, batting faultlessly for 150 minutes in all. This was really creditable feat for a bowler of his class. Having failed in the department he excels, he had the satisfaction of giving a good account of himself in another—particularly as an opening batsman. He is therefore expected to be of invaluable service during the Ceylon tour.

LUSTY HITTING BY MUSHTAQ

Mushtaq Ali proclaimed his arrival with some lusty hits. He was particularly severe on our spin-bowler, Keki Tarapore with 3 fours and a sixer in quick succession he sent the spectators to a paroxysm of joy. With the assistance of Denis Compton, he raised the total from 113 to 192 when the English Test Cricketer was declared l.b.w. to Phadkar. This was the Elphinstonians third victim of the day, for which he had conceded only 38 runs in all. Compton's contribution was a meagre 20.

C. K.'S CHEAP DISMISSAL

Another misfortune awaited the visitors presently. Their skipper fell a victim to the same code as his predecessor when he had notched a brace of runs. It was a great disappointment to C. K.'s vast number of fans. Incidentally, this was Tarapore's first wicket for which he had allowed 53 runs.

With the departure of the last two batsmen, Bombay's stock rose high again. It does not seem likely that Holkar's total will now reach a terrific figure even though our bowling is far from dangerous.

Mushtaq remained unbeaten till the evening with a brilliant 70, to his credit. Holker's hopes now rest on him to a great extent.

MONDAY'S PLAY

Uday Merchant opened the day's account with a single off C. S. Nayudu who commenced the attack from the pavilion end when the game resumed on Monday. One more single by Palwankar off the same bowler brought 340 on board. Nimbalkar attacked Palwankar from the opposite end, and the latter with a stroke of three in the country followed by a four on the square leg off C. S. reached his first decade.

The pair however was separated by C. S. Nayudu, who, after 15 minutes of the game got Uday caught by Mushtaq in the mid-off. (354—8—79).

Tarapore joined Palwankar. After 350 Gaekwad released Nimbalkar. The game was dull and scoring low. After 380 C. K. himself tried the leather. Much of the scoring was done by Palwankar, Tarapore giving good stand. Tarapore fell at 392, l.b.w. to C. S. Nayudu (392—9—8).

Madan Raiji brought up the rear. The fourth century was hoisted when Raiji snicked Sarwate in the slips for three. Palwankar then reached his 50 with a four in the country off Sarwate, 420 going up the board at the same time.

At 436 new ball was taken, and Rawal came to operate it first. In Nimbalkar's over that followed a bye of four pushed the total to 440. The last-wicket partnership now reached 50. Two fours, one by each batsmen raised the total to 450 and brought Palwankar to his 70.

The partnership broke at last when C. S. Nayudu with a perfect leg-break shattered Palwankar's stumps, the final score being 462.

The Holkar began their first innings after lunch with Sarwate and Bhandarkar facing the attack from Khot and Phadkar. Twenty minutes of the game produced ten and thereafter both the opening speed-Merchants were replaced by Mody and Vijay Merchant, the latter being released by Phadkar again.

At 28 Tarapore was initiated in the attack for the first time from the Churchgate end. Palwankar came from the pavilion end. In his third over Sarwate drove him straight to the country for the first four of his side after more than an hour's game. Tarapore was keeping good length and in his first six overs conceded only four runs.

After 30 Khot returned from the pavilion end. Eighty-five minutes brought 50 on the board. At this stage Bhandarkar was dropped by Raiji in the first slips Khot being the bowler to suffer.

RAIJI TRIES THE BALL

Tarapore gave over to Raiji, and Bhandarkar lasting that bowler to the cover for his first four reached his 20. The score advanced steadily and 80 appeared on the board. In the last over before the tea interval Sarwate hit Khot to the off-boundary and reached his 50 in a total of 91, his partner then being 37.

After tea Phadkar and Tarapore started with the leather. In Phadkar's second over Bombay had their first success Bhandarkar being caught at fine leg by Vijay Merchant (98—1—37).

Mushtaq joined Sarwate and opened his account with a single. In the next over he pulled Tarapore on the leg for a brace and with it Holkar's first century was hoisted on the board.

Fifteen runs later Phadkar had his second success when he completely scattered Sarwate's stumps with a bumper. (113—2—67).

Denis Compton now partnered Mushtaq who welcomed him with a straight four to the pavilion off Tarapore. He followed this up with two more in the direction of which brought him to his 20. In Tarapore's next over Mushtaq set the whole Stadium cheering with a sixer straight to the pavilion.

Raiji replaced Phadkar. The score advanced by leaps and bounds, Mushtaq in particular hitting all round the wickets. He played a rapid game and reached his 50 only in 46 minutes with a drive to the cover off Raiji.

Ten minutes before close Holkar lost one more wicket when Phadkar successfully appealed for l.b.w. against Compton (192—3—20). Mushtaq at this stage was 65.

But Holkar met further disaster when their skipper who stepped in next soon returned to the pavilion being out l.b.w. to Tarapore when he had scored only two (197—4—2).

Nimbalkar filled in the vacancy and two minutes later when the stumps were drawn for the day the Holkar total stood at 199 for 4. Mushtaq not out 70, and Nimbalkar not out 1.

BOMBAY—1ST INNINGS.

K C Ibrahim b C S Nayudu	44
M K Mantri c C S Nayudu b Nimbalkar	16
R S Modi c Bhandarkar b C S Nayudu	98
V M Merchant b Nimbalkar	4
R S Cooper b Rawal	52
D G Phadkar l.b.w. C S Nayudu	11
Uday Merchant c. Mushtaq b. C. S. Nayudu	79
J. B. Khot c. and b. Nimbalkar	28
Y. B. Palwankar b. C. S. Nayudu	75
K. K. Tarapore l.b.w. b. C. S. Nayudu	8
M. N. Raiji (not out)	27
Extras	26
Total	462

Fall of Wickets: 1/27; 2/141; 3/152; 4/178; 5/204; 6/247; 7/316; 8/ 354; 9/32; 10/462.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Nimbalkar	25	30	88	2
Rawal	15	1	54	1
Gaekwad	10	3	13	0
C. S. Nayudu	64.5	10	153	6
Sarwate	36	4	89	0
Jagdale	5	0	22	0
C. K. Nayudu	5	0	17	0

HOLKAR 1ST INNINGS

Sarwate, b Phadkar	67
Bhandarkar, c Vijay b Phadkar	37
Mushtaq Ali batting	70
D. Compton l.b.w. Phdkar	20
C. K. Nayudu l.b.w. Tarapore	2
Nimbalkar batting	1
Extras	2
Total (for 4 wkts.)	199

BOWLING ANALYSIS:

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. B. Khot	17	5	44	0
D. G. Phadkar	14	1	36	3
R. S. Modi	6	1	8	0
V. M. Merchant	2	0	4	0
Y. B. Palwankar	5	2	6	0
M. N. Raiji	10	0	46	0
K. K. Tarapore	21	6	53	1

Davar's College Sports

The Annual Athletic Sports of Davar's College of Commerce, Bombay, were held on Saturday, on the Western India Football Association Ground, on the Cooperage, before a fairly large gathering of spectators. The Day's Card provided 17 events which were keenly contested and close finishes were witnessed.

Mr. M. Atharkhan secured the highest number of points in Championship Events annexing the Cambatta Championship Challenge Cup for the year. Mr. M. John Mathew secured the second highest number of points securing the late Mr. Dinshaw D. Nasikwalla Second Championship Challenge Cup. Both the Champions were congratulated on the maidan amidst loud cheers.

DOMINATED BY COLOSSAL RISE OF DEFENCE COST

Indian Merchants' Chamber Criticises Raisman's Budget

In the course of a statement on the Indian Budget, the Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, say:—

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber have considered the Budget of the Government of India for the year 1945-46. They find that it is entirely dominated by the colossal rise of defence expenditure debited to India. During the six years ending the 31st March 1946, the defence expenditure actually incurred and estimated exceeds Rs. 1,700 crores. It is estimated to exceed Rs. 456 crores in the current year, which means that our defence expenditure is now nearly ten times more than what it was in the normal peace time. While one can understand the difficulties of estimating an approximate amount of the defence expenditure in the midst of war, it does little credit to the Finance Department that it could not have foreseen a rise of nearly 96 crores of rupees in the period of nearly 4 to 6 weeks. While the revised estimates of defence expenditure for 1943-44 were put at a little over Rs. 262 crores at the end of February 1944, the actual expenditure debited to the Defence Department at the end of 31st March 1944 came to Rs. 358 crores. It is amazing that there could have been such a tremendous rise of nearly 100 crores of rupees in the period of a month and could not have been foreseen by the Finance Member. Committee wonder if all this huge increase of about Rs. 100 crores in one month, twice the amount of normal defence expenditure of India, could have taken place in the real interests of India and strongly feel that such budgeting requires close scrutiny and careful investigation.

"CRUEL JOKE"

It is, moreover, a cruel joke of the interpretation of the financial settlement that crores of rupees could be debited to Indian defence expenditure if the Indian troops fought on the Indian soil, but they could be transferred to His Majesty's Government if they fought on foreign soil although the distance between the two places may be only a few miles. India is a very vital base for the defence of the United Nations and essential operations are carried out from such a base in the larger interests of the Allies. These vital considerations seem to have been completely ignored and conveniently forgotten when India is saddled with such a huge amount of expenditure as if it was for her own local defence.

Committee also regret to remark that no data is given in the budget which would enable them to find out what portion of this terribly large cost has been imposed on India by the retention of British and other foreign troops in the country in place of Indian troops sent abroad. While President Roosevelt has made it clear that the contribution of the Allies to the war expenditure for the protection of their common interests should be proportionate to the capacity of each country, the Government of India do not seem to attach any weight to this fundamental principle in determining the amount of the Defence Bill of the country. They seem to share the opinion of Lord Wavell that India is not "unbearably bowed down at present by War taxation." Otherwise, they could not have been a party to the Reserve Lend-Lease expenditure to the tune of nearly 124 crores of rupees as against the estimated Lend-Lease contribution of 150 crores of rupees. It takes one's breath away when one finds that this expenditure will reach nearly 300 crores at the end of the next year.

VOICELESS PAYMASTERS

While the Committee realise that India has to defend herself against foreign aggression and while they appreciate the contention that every country must pay the price of victory, they cannot but feel a sense both of humiliation and oppression when they find that they have no voice in the framing of this colossal war budget which increases year after year, that such expenditure does not enable the people of the country to lay down their own policy of defence, that it does not give any opportunity to Indians to be in real command and lead their armies to victory and that every possible step is taken to keep the Indian entirely out of the organisation, control and direction of the vast machinery essential for the defence of their own country. Committee are constrained to observe that such continued subjection to Great Britain in the supremely vital matter of defence after being saddled with the unbearable burden of a colossal Defence Bill has no parallel in the history of the world.

Moreover, while all essential key industries and particularly industries required for defence purposes such as aircraft, shipbuilding, automobile, steel, chemicals, etc., have been started and developed in other countries such as Canada and Australia in the midst of war so that not only can those countries meet more efficiently their war requirements but may also be able to reduce their economic strain as well as their dependence on other countries for that purpose, every possible opportunity for building up such industries in India has been unfortunately ignored by the Government.

SERIOUS INROADS

While Committee welcome the special initial depreciation allowances to be granted in respect of new buildings erected and new plant and machinery installed after the 31st March 1945, they regret they cannot share the view of the Finance Member that the

"scheme of war time taxation has throughout been so devised as not to deplete and on the contrary to strengthen the reserves at the disposal of industries for meeting the calls which will be made upon them in the post-war period."

Not only does the war time scheme of taxation take away all the extra profits but it also makes a serious inroad in several cases on the standard profits of the industries. The amount of compulsory deposit, including the amount that may be added to it by the Government when the deposit is returned will not really constitute any appreciable reserves for the industry in several cases.

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Increased Selling In Share Bazar

SILVER QUOTATIONS REACH HIGHER LEVEL

Cotton Quietly Steady

BOMBAY, March 5.

The local Share Bazar ruled quiet today on increased selling pressure. It was reported that the recent buyers were unloading their purchases under fears of introduction of Sales Tax in the Presidency. Bears are spreading rumours with a view to depress quotations so that they may be able to cover their unprotected sales. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfds. lost Rs. 17/- Ordinary Rs. 3/8, Bombay Dyeings gained Rs. 2/8 but Kohinoors lost Rs. 4/-.

The Bullion Market was steady with increased speculative activity which pushed up quotations. Gold was steady.

Over 16,000 bales were again tendered today against March contract and it appears that the cotton is passing into strong hands. The market was quietly steady.

The local Share Bazar opened steady but ruled quiet on increased selling which was of a general nature. The market was influenced by fears of Sales Tax by the Bombay Government and making attempts to depress quotations with a view to cover at lower levels. However the market feeling remains constructive and we see no cause for any material decline. It is true that outside participation is restricted which result into dull and irregular price movements but investors take a satisfactory view of the industrial outlook and they are not likely to unload. Morecver Money market remains easy and large sums are seeking investment. Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 2,210 and declined to Rs. 2185. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 409 and declined to Rs. 403. Borabay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1880 and sagged to Rs. 1852 and steadied at Rs. 1855. Kohinoor Mill shares opened at Rs. 623 and eased off to Rs. 615. It appears that some professional operators were selling. Later the market steadied at the decline and Tata Steel Defds were quoted at Rs. 2190.

GOLD & SILVER

Professional Support Pushes Up Quotations

Professional support coupled with general buying and short covering pushed up Silver quotations to new high levels and all offerings were well absorbed. However the rise forced caution on the part of buyers and quotations reached slightly from new high levels.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars of Silver at Rs. 129/15 and 18,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 74/8.

The forward Silver market opened at Rs. 129/5 and smartly rose to Rs. 130/12 on general buying but later reacted to Rs. 130/4. Ready Silver was quoted three annas higher at Rs. 130/7 and next settlement business was done at a discount of annas eight at Rs. 129/10.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 74/2 and after advancing to Rs. 74/10 reacted to Rs. 74/6. Ready Gold was quoted five annas higher at Rs 74/11. Next settlement business commenced at a discount of annas four but later transfers were made at a discount of two annas at Rs 74/8.

The market ruled firm with professional support and quotations moved up. Closing quotations were as under:

SILVER.

Ready	131	10	0
Current Settlement	131	8	0
Next Settlement	130	12	0

GOLD.

Ready	75	1	0
Current Settlement	74	13	0
Next Settlement	74	11	0
Sovereigns Edward	50	6	0
Sovereigns George	51	5	0

Bombay Cotton

The local cotton market opened steady but under scattered selling ruled quiet. Trading was restricted. March contract opened at Rs. 403 and quickened at Rs. 402/8. May option opened at Rs. 459 and declined to Rs. 458. The market was inclined to await tenderrs and fresh developments.

Today 16,650 Bales were tendered further against March contract and bulls are determined to weigh over all cotton offered. The market was steady and March was quoted at Rs. 453/8 and May stood at Rs. 456.

The Government sold 11,000 Bales on the basis of Rs. 44p for Fine Broach 3/4 inch staple. It appears that actual cotton will go into strong hands if all tenders survive the test of survey, appeals and super-appeals. The market believes that these tenders will be retendered against May contract but we fear that those who are short in May delivery will find themselves in an comfortable position as cotton position is very healthy. The market was quietly steady and closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	450	8	0
I.C.C. May	456	12	0
I.C.C. July	467	4	0

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

BOMBAY, March 5.

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India United Defd 3/3/8 3/1 3/3 3/2/8
India United Ordy 15/6 15/6/6 15/0/6 15/8
Indore 107/8 11/4 6/4 10 3/12 7/8 69/8 70b
Khatau 343/12
Kohinoor 624 19 21 18 18 16 20 19
Meyer 220 18 16/4
Model 260 87/8
Morarjee 690 90 92/8 90 92/8
New Great 402 3 400 401/8 399 400 397 400
Pocar 335
Shrinivas 356/4
Simplex 213/8 70/8 72 66 69 67/8 70/8 70
Swadeshi 555 52 54 48 50 42 44 40 42 40 45 44
Swan 330 27/8 29
Tata Mills 64/4 62 62/12
Visnau Cotton 4/12/8
Ahmedabad Prahpal Rly. 740 (Ex Div)
Saikot Narowal Rly 120

BANKS.

Baroda 145/8 43/12
Central 82/8 82/4 82/8
Imperial (Old) 1987/8 90 87/8
Imperial (New) 493/4 93/12
International 86
National Savings (P.P.) 76/4
National Savings (P.P.) 39
Reserve 133/12 34/8

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 225
Amalgamated 18/8
Tram (Ord) 149/8 48/8 49
Tram (Pref) 69/8 70
Andhra Valley (Ord) 1795 92/8
Bombay Suburban 212/8
Surat 213/12
Tata Hyure 203/8 4/8
Tata Power (Ord) 1832/8 76 82/8

INSURANCE.

Empire 1330 32/8 35 37/8
Mercantile 72 70/8 71/4
Jupiter 35
Ne India 81/4 81/8 81
Oriental 6625
Vulcan 17/4
Bombay Steam (Ord) 570 72/8
Scindia 34/8 33/14 34/2
Jam Wire 141/4
Tata Steel (Defd) 2210 7/8 15 2191/4 2200 2182/8 94/8 83/12 92/8 87/8 95
Tata Steel (Ordy) 409 10/8 5 7 1/8 4 2 4/8 4 5/8
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 160/4 60/8

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 400 40 42/12
A. Cement 236 94/8 35 32 33 32/4 33
Belapur 225/8 25 23/8 24
Burmah (Old) 540 35 37/8
Burmah (New) 205
B. B. Petrol 5/7/8 5/5/8 5/8 5/5/8
Indian Bleaching 175 76 75
I. I. Trust 124
Port Canning 105/8
P. Construction (Ord) 219 18 18/8
Shivrajpur 57/12 56/8 57
Tata Chemicals 21/4
Tata Oil 71/4 70/8
Western India 326/4
Supreme Industries (Ord) 205/10
Alembic (Ord) 325

COTTON TENDERS.

Bombay, March 5.

	10-day	Total
March	16,650	36,650

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.

	1943/44 Crop	1944/45 Crop	New Delivery Contct. Basis March
	Ready		Jarilla
C. P. 1 Jarilla	480/490		.....
C. P. 2 Jarilla	440/442		.....
Berar Jarilla	370/350	410/415	.....
Punjab Zer F.	500/545	600/620	+160
Punjab 289 F. sawgin	655/630		+215/35
Sind N.T.	450/475	510/525	+77
Muglai	360/360	450/460	.....

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON.

In full-pressed Bales.	Today	Since 1st Sept. this year.	Last year.
Khanuesn	21,869	34,190	12,513
Central India	695	14,202	31,632
Barsi and Nagar	101	2,469	15,096
Hyderabad/ Goarani	71	13,030	12,513
Berar	5,549	94,869	184,033
Central Provinces	185	18,936	27,271
Total Country	7,301	192,196	338,745
Dacle.as	1,013	44,189	18,791
N.W. Provinces	.....	200	397
Rajputana	.....	786	91
S.n.-Punjab	1,153	218,112	290,139
Broach	798	63,472	44,379
Coompta and Dharwar	304	30,634	12,523
Westerns	.....	.....	.....
Northerns	408	20,755	5,040
Cocoanada	.....	.....	.....
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	.....	4,403	702
American	.....	.....	.....
Soudan	.....	1	45,611
Egyptian (other than Soudan)	8,824	136,604	55,504
East African	150	53,941	56,326
Comilla, Burma & other sorts	.....	2,170	1,185
	19,966	776,754	875,591
Arr. by road to 1st March	.....	5,500	4,500

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, March 5.

	High	Low	Close
ICC	452/4	44e/8	452/4
ICC	457/8	454	457/8
ICO	468/8	466	468/4
Karachi March	47/1/9	46/15/3	47/0/9

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May Contract is 442 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

Trade Support On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

NEW YORK, Mar. 3.

Cotton was early irregular with New Orleans buying and prevailing uncertain hedges but the market later drifted into the doldrums closing dull and nine points under Friday's finish. Trading was narrow range and showing a general suspension to await legislation and week-end war developments. Bull prices mainly sustained by export and the market closed steady. At the opening July was quoted 21.75 and declined to 21.71 which was the lowest. Thereafter there was trade buying and July improved to 21.80. The market closed at a net decline of 2 points to a rise of 5 points. Spot cotton price declined 3 points at 22.45c. per lb.

Reduction In Cotton Acreage Owing To Labour Shortage

NEW YORK WEEKLY REVIEW.

NEW YORK, March 5.

Cotton edged forward under the leadership of near months on mill price-fixing and buying by leading spot houses presumably covering against recent sales to the Commodity Credit Corporation. The market sentiment was more friendly with excellent war news partially overshadowed by the growing belief that Government support measures will continue and expectations that the pent-up civilian textiles demands will take up any slack should military orders diminish. An important South Carolina producer affirms that the acreage in South Carolina will be curtailed 25 to 35 per cent owing to labour shortage. The supply situation as regards free cotton is tightening daily as practically all cotton sold is reported to be entering Government programmes with indications that farmers will deliver 4 million bales this season.

BOMBAY PRODUCE

BOMBAY, March 5.

The produce market was quiet with a slightly increased selling pressure and quotations were also lowered groundnuts. Khandesh quality were quoted at Rs. 15/2 and Nizam quality stood at Rs. 14/8. Goa March/April delivery was placed at Rs. 14/8. Castorseeds Bombay ready were quoted at Rs. 15/8 and Goa delivery stood at Rs. 15/3. Linseed N S Ry was placed at Rs. 15/3. G.I.P. stations Linseed was quoted at Rs. 15/4/6 and C.P. and U.P. Linseed was done at Rs. 15/5/6. Tone was quiet with indifferent demand.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.

CALICUT, March 5.

Cocoanuts Raw 80/87, Dry 80/82, Cocoanut Oil 350, Copra Office 207/8, Dupasand 217/220, Madrasnottam 222/8, Goodgoods 227/8, Pepper Wynaad 360, Country 340, Dry Ginger Chernad 260, Ernad 240, Coffee Robusta 83/4.

WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, March 5.

U. S. Steel 65 1/8; Bethelenem Steel 72-3/4; N. Y. Central R. R. Com. 24-1/2; N. Y. Central 6 per cent 2013 95; N.Y. Chicago St. Louis Pfd. 11-1/2; Chesapeake and Ohio 52-7/8; Chase National Bank 42-3/8; National City Bank of N. Y. 41 1/2; General Motors 64; General Electric 42-7/8 Sun Life Assurance 356; Canadian Pacific 13-1/8; Texas Corpn. 53 3/4; Socony Vacuum 16-3/4; Anaconda Copper 34; Kennecott Copper 38-5/8; Int. Nickel 38-5/8; Amer. Tel. & Tel. 163; Western Union 'A' 48-5/8; Australia 5 per cent 1955 103; Consolidated Edison 21; Phillips Petroleum 52-1/2; Farnsworth Television 15-1/4.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, March 5.

Tata Ordinary 404 Tata Deferred 2198/12 Indian Iron 40/10 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 33/10 Bombay Dyeing 1862/8 Central India 391/4 Century 900 Gokak 301/14 Kohinoor 618/12 Simplex 261 Andhra Valley 1795 Tata Hydro 203/2 Tata Power 1860 Associated Cement 233/8 Belapur 224/6 Bombay Burma (Old) 540.

MONEY MARKET.

BOMBAY, March 5.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/5 7/32 1 and 2 months, 90 days/st. 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 9/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Very quiet.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c, Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c, 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

Tone:—Easy.

BANKERS' CLEARING.

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 2nd March were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 1,14,249.

Amount of Cheques: Rs. 44,62,35,585-9-4.

ORISSA TREASURY BILLS.

Tenders for Rs. 50,00,000—(Rupees fifty lakhs only) of three months' Government of Orissa Treasury Bills will be received at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India Bombay Calcutta and Madras upto 11 a.m., on Monday, the 12th March 1945.

Successful tenderers will be required to make payment and take up their bills at Madras on Wednesday, the 14th March, 1945 and at Bombay and Calcutta on Thursday, the 15th March.

GOVERNMENT OF TREASURY BILLS.

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of Assam Treasury Bills were opened on Monday, the 5th March, 1945. Total amount offered was Rs. 4,45,00,000—(Rupees four crores forty-five lakhs only).

Tenders at Rs. 99-14-6 were allotted approximately 30 p c Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. One Crore, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-6-0 per cent per annum.

JAP RESISTANCE IN ALL SECTORS

12,864 Killed In Pacific War In 14 Days

GUAM, March 4.

A communique issued by Admiral Chester Nimitz states that American marines have scored small local advances against stiffening Japanese resistance on Iwojima today, but lines remain "substantially uncharged."

12,864 JAPS KILLED IN 14 DAYS

In the fourteen days fighting in the entire Pacific war, 12,864 Japanese dead have been counted and 81 prisoners were taken.

Japanese resistance has tightened on all sectors of the front as the three American divisions gained from 50 to 100 yards in their drive to compress the Japanese toward the island's rocky north-east fringes.

N.-W. LUZON CLEARED OF JAPS

LUZON.—To-day's communique states that guerillas supported by American airforces have completely cleared the Japanese from province of Ilocos-Norte in north-west Luzon.

JAPS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES

"In this irregular type of fighting which the enemy has been unable to fathom, he has sustained extraordinarily heavy losses running into thousands. Our own were minor." In the first corps sector American troops captured Digdig on the Balete Pass Road.

A second column advancing up Ambayabang river captured Santa Rosa, and Neuva Vizcaya ten miles north of San Nicolas.—Reuter.

Chinese 8 Miles From Burma Road Terminus

CHUNGKING, March 4: Leading elements of the Chinese First Army are now only eight miles north of the Burma road terminus of Lashio, said to-night's Chinese war communique.

The Japanese were reported to be withdrawing towards Lashio as the Chinese advance continued.

Air attacks on Japanese rail and sea communications were reported in a communique issued to-night from the headquarters of United States forces in the China theatre.

"In north China, fighters and bombers of 14th Air Force swept over the Tatung-Pukow railroad and the Yellow river bend at Taiyuan.

They destroyed one enemy locomotive and railroad installations along the line.

South-west of Hongkong in the South China Sea, 24 liberators probably sank an unidentified enemy ocean-going vessel and damaged two. In French Indo China, fighters bombed the Japanese headquarters building at Hanoi on March 3. The building was wrecked.

Tenders For Orissa Treasury Bills

MADRAS, March 5.

A press communique issued by the Reserve Bank of India, Madras, says: Tenders for Rs. fifty lakhs of three months Government of Orissa Treasury Bills will be received at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay Calcutta and Madras upto 11 a.m. on Monday March 12.

Successful tenderers will be requried to make payment and take up their Bills on Wednesday March 14, 1945 at Madras and on Thursday March 15, 1945 at Bombay and Calcutta. Other conditions are as usual.—A. P.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET.

MADRAS, March 5.

Following are to-day's quotations:

Sugar and Breweries: E. I. D. 40; Deccan 39; India Sugar 33; Jevpore 17/15; Mysore Sugar 61/8; South India 16/8; Travancore 15.

Plantings: Cochin-Malabar 16/12; Chembra Peaks 10/5; High Produce 33/4; Malankara 84; Manalur 6/8; M'dand Nilambur 20/6; Nellimpathy 4/6/8; Nelliyanam 14; Pullanpode 3/6/8; Thirumbadi 4/8; Vaikundam 31; Vellalai 20/8; Vellitam 30/8; Woodlands 12.

Textiles: Bangalore Wool 475; B and C Ordy 333; Cambodia 30/6; Coimbatore Wpr. 151/8; Dhanalaxmi 380; Kaleeswarar 730; Kothari Tex 32/12; Meltur 260; Madura 75; Pankaja 27; Rajapalayan 232; Sitar Spg. 179.

Miscellaneous And Cement 116 Hind Trust 23; Ind. St Roll 9/7; Mysore Chem and Fert 28/8; Mysore Paper 24/6; Mysore Chem Mrs 38; Meltur Chem 16/8; do dfd 6/9; Spencer 13/14.—A. P.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET.

AHMEDABAD, March 5.

Closing quotations:—

Calico 1484; Ambika 499; Jupiter 373; Ahmedabad Cotton 473; Ashok 625; Ajit 384 4/0; Swadeshi 215; New Cotton 520; New Commercial 740; New Jahangir 1360; Morris 154; Mahalaxmi 1592/8/0; Marsden 199; Monogram 170; Rohit 386/4/0; Vikram 402/8/0; Vijay 480; Saraspur 606; Sayaji 365; Himabhai 1105.

WAR RISKS (FACTORIES) INSURANCE

NEW DELHI, March 4: The Central Government has decided to extend the War Risks (Factories) Insurance Scheme by another year from April 1, 1945, says a press communique. Accordingly the period of all existing policies of insurance issued under the scheme, other than those in respect of inland vessels, shall be extended by one year from April 1, 1945.—A.P.

The rates of denatured salt issued for agricultural purposes by the Industries Department, Bombay, will continue to be thirteen annas a maund during 1944-45. The price of salt issued direct from the Saltworks and Custom Houses for the same purpose is raised from six annas to eight annas a maund for the remainder of the 1944-45 season.

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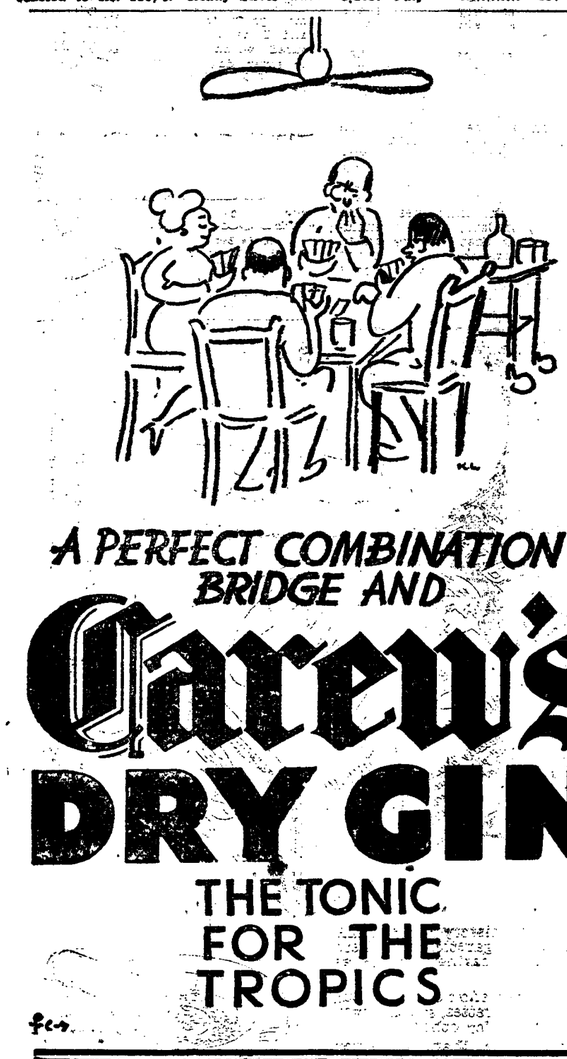

MUTT AND JAFF—Abdul-no-Hatma is minus several yards of Hatma — By BUD FISHER

WHAT'S HAPPENED, CICERO?
I CUT MY FINGER!
OH, GOSH! THAT'S GOTTA BE BANDAGED!
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Wanted two Clerks preferably graduates with knowledge of accounts and one typist. Apply Nanikram Sobhraj Mills Ltd. Railwaypura, Post Ahmedabad. 2355

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

IMPORTERS ARE INFORMED that their applications for import licences for goods to be shipped in January-June 1945 from any country should be submitted to the respective licensing authorities before the 15th March, 1945. Applications received after that date can only be considered if the circumstances are exceptional.

S. N. MEHTA,
Dy. Chief Controller of Imports.
New Custom House
Bombay, the 5th March, 1945. 2380

BENGAL NAGPUR RAILWAY

DELAY IN SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.

IN ORDER to expedite the settlement of claims the public are earnestly requested to assist this Railway, when corresponding with regard to claims by observing the following points:

(1) Write a separate letter with regard to each individual claim.
(2) Invariably quote Claims Office references if there has been previous correspondence.
(3) Give full particulars of booking when preferring a claim and in all subsequent correspondence.

COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC MANAGER.
(2023)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Muslims and members of the Scheduled Castes for the following posts likely to last for duration of war:—

(a) Grade 'A' Clerks on Rs. 120-10-200.
(b) Grade 'B' Clerks on Rs. 80-5-100 (EB) -10-120.
(c) Grade 'C' Clerks on Rs. 55-5-60. (EB) -5-80.

In addition Dearness allowance Rs. 18|- and bonus Rs. 5|- p.m. will be admissible. House Rent Allowance equivalent to 10% of pay will also be paid if admissible.

Candidates for Grade 'A' should be graduates. Preference will be given to those possessing office experience and knowledge of typewriting. Applications stating age, previous experience, qualifications etc., should reach the Administrative Officer, Information Films of India, 74-94, Tardeo Road, Bombay 7. not later than 15th March, 1945. 2332

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE GENERAL ASSURANCE SOCIETY LTD., AJMER.

NOTICE OF POLICY-HOLDERS' MEETING

1. It is hereby notified that a Meeting of the policy-holders of the General Assurance Society, Ltd., Ajmer, will be held at the Registered Office of the Society at Ajmer on Saturday the 16th June, 1945, at 5 P.M. to transact the following business.

To elect three Directors on behalf of policy-holders on the Board of Directors in place of those who retire under the Insurance Rules as amended upto date.

2. Policy-holders eligible for election as Directors and willing to stand for the election are requested to send their applications by registered post so as to reach the Registered Office of the Society not less than two months before the date of the meeting. Such applications should be either in English or Hindi or Urdu and must give the applicant's name and address and the numbers of and amounts of the sums insured by the policies by virtue of which they claim to be eligible for election.

3. The qualifications which a person must possess in order to be eligible for election as a Director shall be his holding one or more policies of life assurances issued by the Society and satisfying the following requirements:—

(a) He must hold such policies otherwise than by way of assignment except where the assignment is in favour of the person who took out the policy.
(b) The policies must insure a total sum including any bonuses that may have attached to them before the date of election of not less than Rs. 3,000|-.
(c) The policies must have been in force for not less than 3 years.
(d) He should not be a Director, Officer employee, or legal or technical adviser of this Society or of any other Insurer or an insurance agent or employer of insurance agents.

(This restriction does not apply to an elected policy-holder Director of the Society who is not otherwise disqualified from being re-elected).

4. Every policy-holder who desires to attend the meeting must apply for a certificate of admission, such application to reach the Society not less than two months before the date of the meeting.

5. Only and all persons holding policies issued by the Society which have been in force at the time of the election for not less than six months before the date of the meeting shall be eligible to vote at the meeting.

6. Votes may be given either personally at the meeting or by proxy. Proxies must be presented at the Registered Office of the Society not less than one month before the date of the meeting. A form of proxy will be supplied to any policy-holder on request. No policy-holder shall appoint more than one proxy irrespective of the number of policies he holds.

7. If any policy holder is a lunatic or an idiot, he may vote by his legal representative, and if any policy-holder is a minor he may vote by his legally appointed guardian, or any one of such guardians, if more than one.

8. If a policy has been proposed for, and taken out jointly by more than one person having insurable interest between them, each such person shall be entitled to vote as a holder of that policy.

By Order
BRAHMA DATTA (R.S.).
General Manager.
Ajmer. Dated 1st March, 1945.
(2358)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS (superscribed "Tenders") will be received by the undersigned at his office in the Secretariat, Bombay, upto 12 Noon on the 15th March, 1945, for the supply of the following No. plates and badges for the year 1st April, 1945 to 31st March, 1947.

1. Registration Number Plates for motor cars.
2. Registration Number plates for motor cycles, and invalid carriages.
3. Registration Number plates for transport vehicles and invalid taxis.
4. Temporary registration No. plates.
5. Dealers' Number Plates.
6. Registration Number Plates for lease/lend vehicles.
7. Public Service Vehicles drivers' badges.
8. Conductors' badges.

The rates for the first six items should be quoted per pair of plates (for specifications see Rule 28 of the Bombay Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940) and for items Nos. 7 and 8 should be per badge. Samples of plates and badges should accompany tender. Rates for each type of plate and badge should be quoted separately.

The number plates and badges are required to be supplied to Regional Transport Officers at the following places:—

Bombay. (Deputy Commissioner of Police, M. V. & Taxation Bombay.)
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The approved tenderer will be required to furnish security of Rs. 100/- in cash or Government Promissory Notes for the due fulfilment of the contract.

The undersigned reserves the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assignment of any reason and will not be bound to accept lowest or any tender.

Any other particulars required may be obtained from the office of the undersigned or from the respective Regional Transport Officers.

T. T. KOTHAVALA.
Secretary.
Provincial Transport Authority.
2359

NOTICE

Wanted Clerks for permanent posts. Apply before 15-3-45 to the undersigned stating age, qualifications, previous experience and the minimum salary expected.

G. K. DHARWADKER
President, Manmad Municipality.
2365

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male candidates to fill three posts of Junior Engineer and six posts of Technical Assistant for development of electricity supply in this province; two posts of Junior Engineer are reserved for Muslims and one post for a non-Muslim; three posts of Technical Assistant are reserved for Muslims, two for non-Muslims and one for a Scheduled Caste candidate. Appointments will be made in the first instance on contract for a period of three years and pay will be fixed according to qualifications within limits as mentioned below:—

Junior Engineer—Rs. 350—600 per mensem.

Technical Assistant—Rs. 150—350 per mensem.

Qualifications:—

FOR JUNIOR ENGINEER—A recognised degree or diploma in electrical engineering or civil engineering with at least 5 years practical experience in an electrical engineering workshop or an electrical power station. Age limit 25 to 35 years.

FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANT—A sound general and technical education and at least 5 years practical experience in an electrical or mechanical workshop or in an electric power station; a good theoretical knowledge of electrical engineering preferably a degree in electrical engineering. Age limit—25 to 30 years.

Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 4th April, 1945. 2345.

MILITARY ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

WANTED—Temporary Accountants Candidates must possess high accounting qualifications, e. g. A.C.W.A., R.A., G.D.A., and/or good auditing and/or accounting experience. Scale of pay Rs. 190-15-220/E.B. 15-310/E.B. 15-400 plus such duty and local allowances as are admissible to permanent accountants (new entrants) of the Military Accounts Department. Higher starting pay according to qualifications or experience. No liability for Field Service Overseas. Applicants should belong to Bombay and Madras Provinces only.

Apply to the undersigned giving date of birth details of service rendered showing pay drawn, etc. Copies of Accounting diplomas, University certificates and other testimonials must accompany applications.

R. SMALLWOOD, Lt.-Col.,
Controller of Naval Accounts,
Bombay.
2346

PUBLIC NOTICES

CENTRAL

In order to form a panel for appointment to various posts in the Central P.W.D., which is an all India organisation, applications are invited from members of bonafide scheduled castes. The qualifications required for the various posts and their scales of pay are given against each.

1 Name of post	2 Scale of pay.	3 Qualifications required.	4 Remark
Subordinate (Civl. & Electrical)	Rs. 70-5-150-EB 10-200-	Diploma in overseer's class or degree in Engineering of recognised Indian University or Institute.	
Correspondence clerk	40-5/2-90 (EB at 75|-).	Matriculation.	
Accounts clerk.	40-3-70-EB-4-110	-do-	
Telephone operator	40-5/2-90 (EB at 75)	-do- with experience in the line.	
1st grade Estimator	150-6-180-E.B.-10-250	Overseer's Diploma with five years experience as overseer or Estimator or preferably a degree or its equivalent in Civil Engineering from any Recognised Engineering school, College, or Institute in India, or a certificate of having passed the examination in advanced course of architectural draftsmanship of any recognised institute preferably the Sir J. J. School of Arts, Bombay.	
3rd Grade Estimator	40-5/2-90 (EB at 75|-)	Matriculate	

Persons with experience can be given a higher start in conformity with length of any previous service whether Government or private.

The applications should be addressed to—

Administrative Officer,
Central P.W.D.,
NEW DELHI.
(2357)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the shareholders of the Mahalaxmi Cotton Mills, Ltd., that in order to facilitate the delivery of cloth to the Shareholders at concessional rates they should submit to the Office of the Company their respective Scrip numbers and also the total number of shares held by them. The holders in blank transfer will please communicate these informations through their Bankers or recognised Brokers of Calcutta, Bombay, Lahore and Madras Stock Exchange Associations.

The information as aforementioned must reach this office on or before the 25th March, 1945.

By order of the Board.
H. DATTA & SONS LTD.,
Managing Agents.
15, Clive Street, Calcutta.
2350

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male non-Muslim candidates to fill a temporary post in the Bengal Factories Service which will continue for the duration of the war. Pay—275-750. Age—between 25 and 30. Qualifications—must have had a first class general education; must have served a full apprenticeship as a mechanical engineer, with training in the drawing office; must have secured a degree or diploma in Engineering of a British University or technical college, or an Associate Membership of a recognised British Institute of Engineers, or a Certificate of Competency issued by the Board of Trade as extra first class or first class engineer; must have some years' experience in responsible posts; must have ability to deal with all questions connected with the electrical and structural engineering that may occur in the course of an Inspector's duties, and must have experience in the construction and maintenance of boilers. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 22nd March, 1945. 2354.

NOTICE.

Applications are invited for the temporary posts noted below. Only Graduates need apply. Preference will be given to men of business or experience in keeping accounts of Godown. Applications should reach the undersigned stating (1) Qualifications, (2) Age, (3) Caste and (4) Administrative experience if any on or before 15th March, 1945. Copies of testimonials should be enclosed with the applications.

(1) The GODOWN OFFICER for Poona City in the grade of Rs. 200-15|2-260.
(2) The ASSISTANT GODOWN OFFICER for Poona City in the grade of Rs. 150-5-200.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE and CONTROLLER OF PRICES,
Poona.
(2349)

NOTICE

WANTED a Chemical Assistant to work in the Municipal Public Health Laboratory in the grade of Rs. 60-5-100 plus Dearness Allowance. Those who possess the qualifications of M.Sc. with Chemistry as principal subject need apply stating the qualifications, experience, age, and caste along with the copies of testimonials, if any so as to reach the undersigned on or before 20th March, 1945. Preference will be given to the candidate having practical experience of the work in the Public Health Laboratory. The selected candidate will be appointed on probation for one year in the first instance.

(Sd.) M. A. PATEL,
Chief Officer,
Ahmedabad Municipality.
Municipal Office,
Ahmedabad,
Dated 21-2-1945. 2362

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

WANTED PROFESSORS in Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and Technology. Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers in Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Radio and Chemical Engineering. Apply to the Registrar, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar, with full details about qualifications, age, experience, present position and salary before the 15th March, 1945. 2348

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF THE SECOND CLASS SUB-JUDGE, BELGAUM.
O. Suit No. 399/1941.
Decree Final Proceeding

(1) S. DESOUZA, alias SALVADOR PIEDADE DESOUZA, Camp Belgaum; DATTOBA KHANDOBA SARODE, deceased by his sons heirs ..... Plaintiff Assignor.

(1) EKNATH DATTOBA SARODE, Camp Belgaum; (2) RAMKRISHNA DATTOBA SARODE, Camp Belgaum; (3) AMBAJI DATTOBA SARODE, Camp Belgaum ..... Assignees.

Vs.

(1) SEBASTION CASSIAN MORAES, Cantonment, Belgaum; (2) BERNARD CASSIAN MORAES, Bombay Port Trust Work Shop, Ballard Pier, Fort, Bombay; (3) ALEX CASSIAN MORAES, Karachi; (4) GABRIEL CASSIAN MORAES, Karachi ..... Defendants

CLAIM Rs. 2569-2-0

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff Assignees have made an application to this Court on 10-7-1944 that a final decree for a sale of the mortgaged property described in the preliminary decree passed in the suit on 27-3-1942 i.e. House No. 101 in Church Street, Belgaum Cantonment be passed for recovery of their claim of Rs. 2,569-2-0 with further costs and interest.

You are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the 28th MARCH, 1945 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon to show cause against the application, failing wherein, the said application will be heard and determined ex parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court this 15th day of January 1945.

(Sd.) R. M. GOKAK,
Sheristedar.

Seal of the Court of First Class Sub-Judge, Belgaum.

(Sd.) V. H. NARAGUNDKAR,
Clerk of the Court,
First Class Court,
Belgaum.

Y. R. THAKUR,
Pleader for Plff. Assignees.
(2347)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHREE RATNAPRABHAVAHUJI MAHARAJ, SHREE HARIPRIYA BETTIJI, SETH CHATURBHUJ MANGALBHAI PATEL and SETH SHANTILAL MANGALDAS MARFATIA, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants, Trustees appointed under the Scheme passed by High Court in Suit No. 1423/35 (Idols and Deities of Shree Thakurji vs. Goswami Shri Vallabhlalji Maharaj), have with the consent of Goswami Shri Vallabhlalji Maharaj contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Meadows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land of quit and Ground rent tenure, containing by admeasurement one hundred square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 1104, New No. 8277, Old Survey No. 2047, New Survey No. 712 and Cadastral Survey No. 2775, Bhuleshwar Division together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under "C" Ward No. 5861, Old Street No. 123-125 and New Street No. 143 and all which premises are situated and on the Eastern side of Jugjiwan Kika Street at Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and are bounded, on or towards the East by Sweepers passage, on or towards the West by the said Jugjiwan Kika Street, on or towards the North by the property of Hirachand Manchharam and on or towards the South by the property of Jeevandas Lakhmidas.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 1945.

THAKORDAS DARU HEMANY & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(2365)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BIBI INDERKAUR BALWANTSINGH DODHY and BIBI TEJKAUR AMARNATH SHARMA, of Bombay Sikh Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from all encumbrances.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property or any part thereof of whatsoever nature are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date of publication hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece of Government Leasehold land together with the buildings standing thereon situate at Frere Road in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring 266 6 9 Sq Yds. and bearing Collector's New No. 3448, New Survey No. 16 3480 and C. S. No. 1211 of Fort Division and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under "A" Ward No. 1901 (4) St. No. 260-62.

Dated this 6th day of March, 1945.

MAZAGONWALLA & CO.,
Purchasers Attorneys.
(2353)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 50 BALES PUNJAB 289F ROLLER GIN COTTON.

Under instructions from the Insurance Co., concerned, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction (To-day) TUESDAY, 6th March 1945 at 2-45 p.m. (N. S. T.), the undermentioned Cotton bales lying at open Jutha 1st street Cotton Depot, opp. Godown E48, near Cotton Green Ry. Station—

50 Bales Punjab 289F Roller Gin Cotton (damaged by fire and water).

Terms—25 per cent deposit.

A rare opportunity to investors to invest in a profitable going concern of Furniture shop.

Auction Sale of the well-known Furniture shop of late Joosub Mahomed, Government Contractor, with its stock-in-trade and goodwill.

Under instructions from the heirs of late Khan Bahadur Joosub Mahomed, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on Friday, the 9th March 1945, at 4-30 p.m. (N. S. T.) at Chakla Street, the abovementioned shop together with its furniture, workshop articles, furniture fittings, Fans and all Elect. fittings, Frigidaire and Billiard Table, Tapestry, Velvet and other articles with goodwill in one lot. On view.

Terms—25 per cent deposit.

N.B.—Furniture which is already given on hire is not for sale.

Also on MONDAY, the 12th inst. at 4-30 p.m. (N. S. T.), at Dhobi Gali Godown:—1 big lot Burma Teak and 1 big lot furniture on view from 8th.

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